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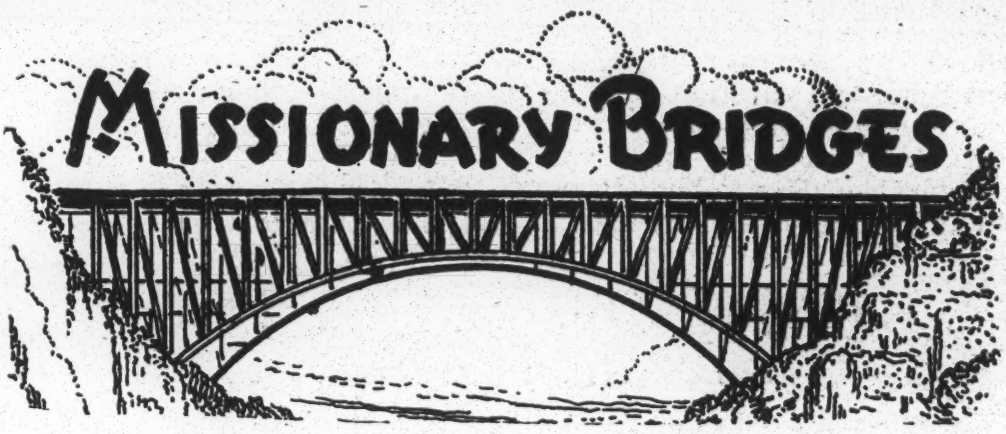

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We Too Must Tell

I wonder what the angels told
That night so long ago,
When home they went, up through the sky,
Back home from Bethlehem.

I wonder what the shepherds told
To wives and children dear,
When home they went that night of nights,
Back home from Bethlehem.

I wonder what the Wise Men told
To friends in far-off lands,
As home they went, a-journeying
Back home from Bethlehem.

All must have told of heavenly love,
Of peace and of good will
That shone forth on the face of Christ,
New-born at Bethlehem.

And so, when Christmas time each year
Recalls His love and peace,
We too must tell the reason why
Christ came to Bethlehem.

—*Elsie Wehling Fulton.*

Madonna and Child—An Oriental Conception

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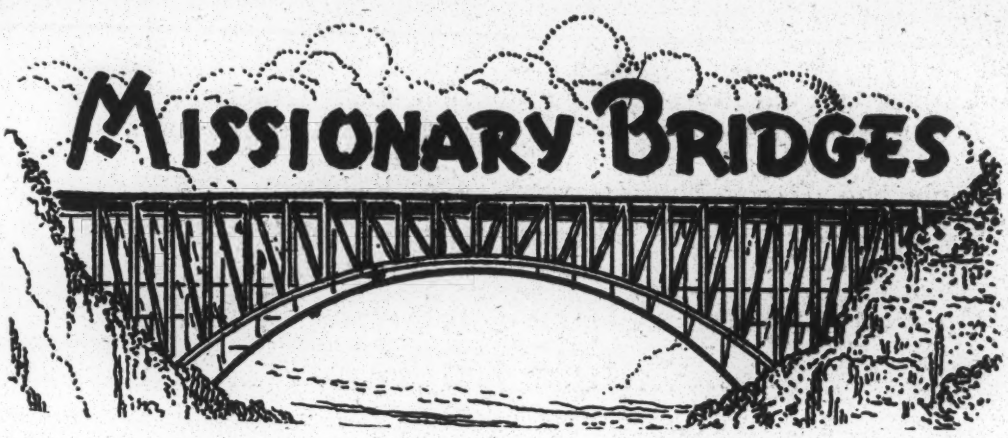

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Prices have gone up high as they have every place and we have had to increase fees although not at all in proportion to the increase in cost of living. Some are finding real difficulty in paying the fees but many who do have relatives in the army seem to have more money than before. Servants are finding these days very difficult. We have tried to help them out with what is called "dearness allowance" but even with that they find it difficult to meet the increased cost in living.

Just before the girls went home for their Easter Vacation we had a very beautiful Communion Service and 22 of our girls and eight young men from the Basti—the sweeper quarter of the city—united with the church. It was an impressive service and our pastor tried to make each one feel that it was a personal decision. They all knelt before the pulpit and he led in a prayer for each one as he put his hand on his or her head.

Avalon School has lost a very real friend and leader in the death of Lois Buchanan. She was such a sympathetic kindly soul and the girls all loved her. The Staff will miss her wise counsel and understanding ways. We had a lovely Memorial Service on the 12th of May and many were the words of love and appreciation spoken there. We had hoped to have her back in India soon but God wanted her in heaven and we rejoice with her that she has been welcomed there. We shall miss her.

Enlarging Opportunities Through Adult Literacy

By MISS FRANCES E. BROWN, On Furlough, Philadelphia, Pa.

SOME thousands of copies of the adult primer, "The Key of Knowledge," have been distributed within our Mission borders. One of our smaller Mission districts reports, "The demand is increasing all the time. We have given out 150 copies of the primer in the last six months, and at that all recognized one-day enthusiasts were refused." We hear of one village teacher who taught 12 adults until they received the Government certificate for the first stage of literacy; and of another who brought 18 to that point. However, these enlarging opportunities are proved not so much by statistics as by incidents here and there which show the working of the hidden leaven of a new idea.

Miss Brown Illustrating "Each One Teach One"

TEEN-AGE READERS

One interesting out-growth of the campaign is the number of teen-age girls who after getting a taste of the joys of reading want to go to school. Indo began the adult primer two years ago, and today is reading in the third class in a small school in her village. Three Sikh girls from her village, the youngest of them 16, have done the same thing; Bawi, now aged 15, began the adult primer just over three years ago, and the next autumn entered Sangla Hill Boarding School, where she has just been promoted to the fourth class, having finished the third at the top of her class. When I was in Campbellpur this spring, one of the shining lights of our school there was Sardaran, aged 16. She began reading two years ago, and became so thrilled with her progress that she entered the school where she had to sit and read with the smallest children. Now she is in fourth class, reads everything she can get her hands on, does well at arithmetic and geography, and is teasing to go to Government School next year.

Short-term schools for selected groups of girls have proved effective in some places. Two summers we have had a group here in Lyallpur for a week, when we did intensive work on weak spots in their reading, and expect to do so again in this June. Recently Sangla Hill had five girls in for two weeks. Some of them are finishing the primer and the others have gone on to "The Light of the World," and are "begging to come back for more reading."

ADULT LITERACY DEVELOPING A LITERATE CHURCH

One of the principles back of this campaign is the conviction that to have a growing church we must have a literate church access to the Word of God. In some places we begin to see change and growth. Hafiza, a Muslim convert, led a missionary society meeting recently in Campbellpur, and read a lot from the Bible —and Hafiza learned to read after being drawn to Christ. From Sargodha comes the report of the organization of five new Young Women's Missionary Societies throughout the district, all of them made up of young women who have learned to read within two or three years. During one of our Bible Schools this winter, illness made it impossible for one missionary to teach her class. We hastily sent for one of the village girls who is learning to read, taught the lessons to her thoroughly, and had her teach a group of girls of her own age for two days. Zafarwal reports that girls who learned to read last year were the most helpful this year in the congregational Bible School.

A READING CONTEST

A reading contest for newly literates was a feature of some Presbyterial programs last year and this. Fifteen contestants took part in that of Sialkot Presbyterial this year. "The women read the Gospel of John and could read it at any place the judges asked and read with understanding. There was much progress compared with last year." At the Bar Presbyterial in Sargodha, ten women took part in the contest. One of these women, accompanied by five other women and a boy of nine, walked ten long, dusty miles for the privilege of taking part in this reading contest. And these six women were so enthusiastic and eager that after dinner they demanded that their missionary hear their lessons "right away," and this had to be done before going to the evening meeting. Two more of this group are about to start reading Mark. In this contest also we felt that definite progress had been made in reading. The first prize was a Punjabi New Testament and a rupee, while the second prize was the New Testament. Last year both contests were financed out of gifts from home. This year Sialkot

voted a sum of money to carry on this contest themselves.

ADULT LITERACY OPENING DOORS

This campaign is also opening non-Christian doors. In one Sialkot village a woman who had read only to the second class in school taught her niece to read the primer. The niece, Nawab Bibi, got a new book, "The Story of the Cross", in her aunt's absence and wanted someone to help her to read it. Finally she found a non-Christian girl who would teach her. One day when the missionary came to the village, she found Nawab Bibi and two non-Christian girls reading "The Story of the Cross" and a dozen more women gathered to listen. After she gave a message to that group, they took her to another house where another group gathered to listen to the same message. From among these one woman said, "They are saved; we are lost. We have not come to Christ so how can we have rest? We have not believed and how can we be saved?" The non-Christian girl who had been helping Nawab Bibi was given a hymn-book, and the two of them sat down together—the one girl reading out the words, and the Christian girl "raising" the tune. And the non-Christian girl said, "I will be able to sing all of them by the time you come back again." Other girls joined in the singing.

JOY IN THE HEART

Instances of individuals whose lives have a new joy could perhaps be multiplied a thousand times. There is the man in Sheikhupura who began to read last September, and since January had been taking his turn reading in morning prayers. "At times, especially in the Epistles, he reads more or less haltingly, but still he does pretty well." When one mother brought her daughter back to Sangla Hill to school last fall she proudly proclaimed that the daughter had taught her to read during the vacation. Another woman says, "My two daughters and son finished 'The Key of Knowledge' and the Gospel of Mark and are now reading the New Testament every day." One married woman in Lyallpur went on from the adult primer to the Urdu readers and is now seeking to qualify for a government certificate for passing third class!

This campaign started four years ago with the slogan, "Every Christian Literate by 1941." We are *very* far from that as yet, though we hope this year's census will show some progress when the figures are available. But people like Raj Bibi give us hope for future progress. She began to read about two years ago, and is far exceeding our other slogan of "Each One Teach One," for she is teaching at least a half-dozen in her village.

The Laborers in Bridging the Five Rivers of the Punjab

By WILBUR C. CHRISTY, On Furlough, Hartford, Conn.

THE great majority of the laborers who are at work bridging the five rivers of the Punjab for the coming of Christ's Kingdom are members of the Indian Church itself. It is a matter for real thanksgiving that God has raised up from among the sons and daughters of India strong and capable leaders for the Christian Church. Because of these men and women the Church of Christ in the Punjab is a self-supporting, self-directing, and self-governing Church. It is indeed a part of the Body of Christ in which His Holy Spirit dwells and there can be no doubt that it will endure no matter what the future may hold.

JOHN SAMUEL, M.D.

Within the past year our United Presbyterian Church in the Punjab

as lost by death three of its most ntstanding leaders. It is fitting that ibute should be paid these three en in an article of this sort, for ey were examples of the very best at the Punjab Church has produced the way of leadership. The first these to go was a young man who as just at the beginning of what ave promise of being a fine career service. He was the brilliant oung doctor, John Samuel. Dr. amuel was the son of fine Christian arents—his father having been eadmaster of the Mission High chool in Rawalpindi until his death om tuberculosis. His mother, Mrs. lary Samuel, has been serving the hurch in the Punjab for many ears. She is at present, with Miss larian Peterson, in charge of the ible Training School for Women in awalpindi. John was a brilliant oung man and after his college raining went on to receive the best edical education offered in India, ecoming a fully qualified physician. le then entered the service of the lission Hospital in Taxila and served here for a number of years. He beame a very efficient physician and urgeon and was regarded as a full olleague by Dr. Bergsma and Dr. roon. During the periods when no merican doctor was available for the ospital Dr. Samuel carried on alone. le considered himself as a misionary to those Muslim tribesmen of the northern Punjab just as ruly as his American friends had one. Because of his ability and experience Dr. Samuel could have commanded a much higher salary in ither the government service or the nilitary service than the Mission was ble to offer him, but he never wavred from his missionary call. So it vas with great concern that the Mision heard that Dr. Samuel was tricken with the same disease which ad taken his father. We watched im grow steadily worse over a peiod of more than a year until he inally passed away in October 1943. t was hard to see this one who was one of the most capable young men of the Indian Church taken at the age of 32 when it seemed that the Church needed him so badly. Yet even in his going he gave a triumphant testimony to his Muslim friends as he looked forward to what he knew was certain death. Then too both his mother and his wife gave fine testimonies to both their Christian and non-Christian neighbors in this passing of their loved one. As yet there is no other person in evidence who can take the place left by Dr. John Samuel. Young men with that combination of intellectual power and consecration are both in America and in India, but we need to pray that the Master who saw fit to call this laborer home to receive His "well-done" will raise up another to carry on his work.

Dr. John Samuel (Taken in Youth) With His Mother, Mrs. Mary Samuel

MR. HAKIM DIN

About the same time that Dr. Samuel was called home, the Church lost another of its outstanding leaders, this time in the field of education in the person of Master Hakim Din, principal of the C.T.I. Mission High School in Sialkot. Mr. Hakim Din was one of our most capable teachers and school administrators. Unlike Dr. Samuel he was a man just at the peak of his career, being just a little past middle age at the time of his death. For some years previous to his death he had served as headmaster and principal of the Christian Training Institute, the Mission High School in which many of our pastors and church leaders were trained. As a younger man Mr. Hakim Din served for a time as a missionary in the Fiji Islands and was offered a high salary by the government there to continue in educational work. However he felt that he was called to serve the youth of the Punjabi Church and returned to his position in the Mission schools of the Punjab. Like Dr. Samuel Mr. Hakim Din rejected a number of offers to much better paid positions in the government educational system in order that he might serve the Church. Mr. Hakim Din was a man of a rich spiritual experience and he had a vision of the immense possibilities which lie before the Christian community of the Punjab if it is prepared intellectually and spiritually to meet them. So he devoted all his abilities as an educator together with the grace and charm of his own fine Christian personality to helping the Christian community prepare to meet those future opportunities. Together with his educational work he found time to take an active part in the affairs of the presbytery and the synod, and all the leaders of the Church leaned heavily on his advice. Hence the Church and the Christian community of the Punjab suffered a great loss in the passing of Mr. Hakim Din.

OUTSTANDING LEADERS OF TODAY

There are, however, other o standing leaders in the field of e cation who are carrying on. Am these are Master Fazal Ilahi, he master of the Mission High Schoo Rawalpindi. This high school i large institution ministering to needs of both Christians and Christians in the city of Rawalpi Some years ago it seemed as if Mission would have to close t school for lack of funds, but Mas Faza! Ilahi and his staff asked p mission to carry on as long as t could with such funds as they co raise themselves to supplement small Mission budget. Permiss was granted and the work of school is still being carried on in most creditable manner. Master F zal Ilahi, too, takes an active part the activities of the local church of the presbytery and synod. For number of years he has served m faithfully as the treasurer for t funds of the Synod. A younger m who shows outstanding promise the field of education is Master W liam Kathu Mall, headmaster of t Mission Middle School in Martinp In the short time that he has be headmaster the school has ma progress both in educational st dards and in spiritual tone. The are also fine capable young wom who are helping to carry the burd of the work in our girls' schoo Among these are Miss Edith W liams who is in charge of the Norm Department of the Hajipur Gir School in Sialkot and Miss Lou Habib Khan who is the able assist of Miss Ruth Nichol in the Pasr Girls' School.

REVEREND LABHU MALL, D

The ministry too, lost one of outstanding leaders during the p year in the person of Dr. Labhu Ma the patriarch of the Punjab Churc For many years Dr. Labhu Mall h been an honored and revered profe sor in our theological seminary

Gujranwala. He had a part in the training of all of our seminary graduates in recent years and was looked up to as a spiritual father by most of the pastors of our Punjab Church. Beyond his work in connection with our own seminary and synod, Dr. Labhu Mall was widely known throughout the Punjab and all northern India as a profound Bible student and he was widely used as a speaker at conventions throughout northern India. In 1934 he was granted the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in recognition of his outstanding serivce to the Church. One of the most important features of the work of Dr. Labhu Mall is that he was one of the founders of the self-support movement in our synod. In the early days of this century Rev. Labhu Mall was a village pastor. At that time all pastors received a subsidy from the Mission. However Labhu Mall together with another village pastor decided that they were no longer going to accept outside help, but were going to depend on the Lord to make it possible for their own people in their congregations to support them. From that time on this pioneer of faith drew his support wholly from the Indian Church and for many years he continued this policy even in the seminary. At the time of his death Dr. Labhu Mall was an old man who had been in failing health for several years, but his loss is keenly felt in the Punjab Church. Nevertheless in the ministry as in the field of education there are many other capable men who are carrying on the work. Among them might be mentioned Dr. Labhu Mall's colleague on the seminary faculty Professor Vazir Chand who is a capable and efficient teacher and a trusted leader of the church. Worthy of mention too are such successful city pastors as Rev. S. K. Mall of Sialkot, Rev. David S. Dass of Rawalpindi and many other consecrated and capable pastors in both city and village churches.

Let us give thanks for these outstanding laborers who have laid down their burdens here to go on to a higher service. Let us remember too that those who are now carrying the burden need the prayers of their fellow-Christians here in America that they may maintain their spiritual vision and that abiding in Christ they may receive the fullness of spiritual power promised to all those who are His.

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Turbulent Streams

By REBA C. HUNSBERGER, M. D., On Furlough, Philadelphia, Pa.

The turbulent news that has been coming out of India during the last few years has confused much of our thinking about India. This news has been almost entirely political.

To get a true perspective of the situation there, we must realize that the great masses of people in India are illiterate—living in rural areas. They are content when crops are good and when they get barely enough to eat. Their lives center around their religious festivals, their marriages, their births and deaths. The political storms that sweep over us from time to time touch these masses very little.

In the Punjab, where our United Presbyterian Mission has its work, we are in the far north near the frontier and there is a more even balance between the Mohammedan and Hindu communities. There the Congress party, which is largely Hindu, is not very strong. Neither is the Moslem League—the largest Mohammedan party.

There are inter-communal disturbances at times but not much active anti-British feeling. Each hot weather, when tempers are short, we have riots and threats of riots, but they are usually soon under control. Britain has offered India full independence when the political leaders can get together, forget their antagonisms and religious differences and draw up a constitution which will satisfy the majority and protect the minorities. Thus far they have not been able to do this, so Britain now deems it wise to wait until after the war—for at present the withdrawal of the present government from India would make her an easy prey to Japanese invaders.

Fortunately most of the political leaders, except the extreme radicals, are against the Axis. They want the Allied Nations to win this war because they stand for a democratic form of government.

When I left India in Dec., '42, young men from all over the country were enlisting at the rate of 70,000 a month. But it is not the political situation I wanted to bring before you. I only mention it in passing.

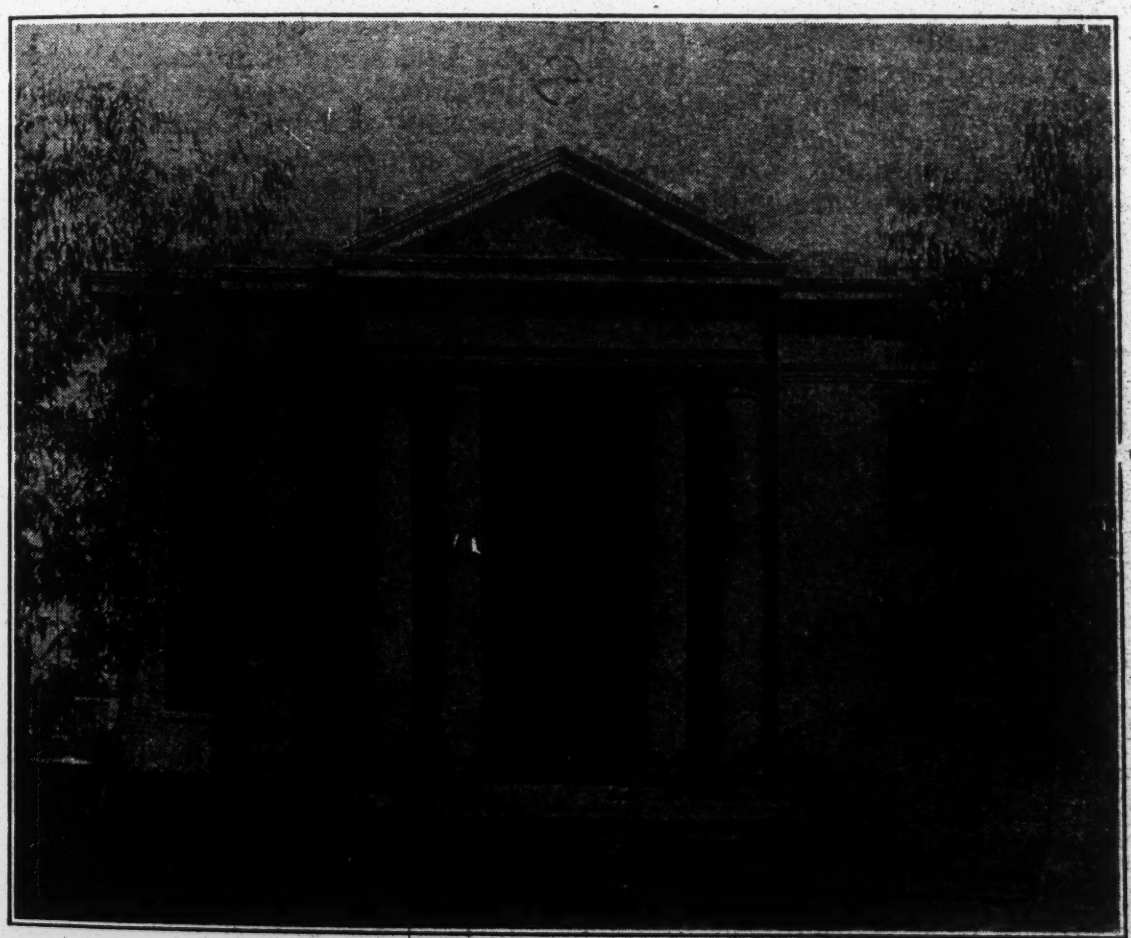
In speaking about India of Today I want to tell you about a rapid change that is going on there in the attitude of the people toward Christianity. The change has speeded up considerably in the last few years. I have noticed it more in my last term of service than at any other period of the twenty-one years I have spent in India.

In our hospital work we deal with the women largely, and the women are the conservative element. About 15,000 new patients come to us yearly in our *in* and *out*-departments, with return visits of from 50,000 to 60,000. So we see a good many women and all of them have a chance to learn about God's great plan of salvation through Christ Jesus, our Lord. The women are receiving this message with interest as never before. Doors that were closed to us, or difficult to open even with much knocking, are now flung wide open and people are calling us to give our message as never before.

We might say the changing times, the chaotic world, the war have helped to speed up this change. That is partly true, but I think a great deal of it is due to the fact that throughout India people are witnessing a growing Christian community in their midst which they are losing their fear of and learning to respect. A great deal of former hatred of the Christian Way was based on fear—fear of having Christianity forced upon them—fear due to ignorance, superstition and intolerance.

A Hindu woman doctor in Sialkot used to bring her difficult maternity cases to the hospital or call us out to help her. She never called for help unless she had to for she was very anti-foreign. She was an ardent follower of Mahatma Gandhi. She marched to the sea with him when he led a group of followers to distil salt from sea water as a protection against the salt tax—about twelve years ago. When she married, she moved away and practiced in a distant city. But when her first child was to be born she came back and entered our hospital. I asked her why she came to us. She replied: "There is no Mission hospital where I am. I know that here I can get loving care and you will not take bribes. Your nurses and doctors will pray for me and I know I can trust them. I used to be afraid of Christins. When I was a little girl my parents scared me by saying the Christians will get you if you are naughty. But now since I've worked with you I'm no longer afraid. I wouldn't go anywhere else." She had lost her fear, therefore her hatred and antagonism. Love casteth out fear; and the love of Christ is winning the hearts of India's women.

There is a group of Hindu shopkeepers in our Cantoment area of Sialkot. They belong to the Vashiya caste, the third great caste of Hinduism. Three years ago a group of women from this area invited us to visit them. We knew some of them as patients in the hospital. They were very insistent in their invitation so we set a date and went. I took about six of our staff along. When we arrived we were surprised to fine a large tent pitched in a courtyard — and 200 women gathered



Blanche N. Anderson Chapel, Sialkot Hospital, India

there. They were all sitting quietly on a straw matting before a platform on which were chairs and a table decorated with flowers and bright colors. We took our seats and were astonished to have one of the leading women among them stand up and introduce us by saying: "You all know these people from the Hospital. They have come here to tell us about Jesus, their God. What they will say is true. Now listen to everything they tell you. You know when they operate on you they pray in the name of Jesus and you get well."

We had a wonderful time there teaching them verses of Scripture and they joined heartily in the singing of some hymns. We each gave a short testimony, telling them what it meant to be a Christian. They listened most eagerly. After the meeting we sold out our gospel portions and went away very happy and uplifted, with a promise to go again.

A Mohammedan group did the same thing last summer. They called us to another section of Sialkot City and under the big common shade tree we talked and sang to a group 300 strong. So they are calling us to come.

Two years ago at Christmas time our nurses gave a drama based on the life of the Apostle Thomas, who came to India and preached Christ there and his messages led to the conversion of the King of Taxila—a truly Christian play. Some non-Christians saw it and asked us to give it again in the large cinema hall for the War Relief Fund. We did so and collected six hundred rupees for the Fund before an audience of a thousand Mohammedan, Sikh and Hindu women, some of them wives of the leading officials. What a change from the anti-foreign and anti-Christian feeling of ten and twenty years ago!

The attitude toward new converts is changing also. To become a Christian from groups above the outcast community always meant facing bitter persecution from family and friends.

Last June a Moslem girl asked me to baptize her. She had become of age—18 years—and was free to become a Christian. She had learned of Christ in our Girls' Boarding School in Sialkot. Her health broke down and she was in and out of Sialkot Hospital several years. We saw her interest and her growth in faith. To our Sialkot Convention several years ago there came a Christian fakir or holy man dressed in saffron robes. He was a deeply spiritual man and had the gift of healing by the laying on of hands and of prayer. I invited him to come and pray with some of the Christian patients in the hospital. When this Mohammedan girl heard of him she asked to come to the meeting too. When Jeevaratnum, the fakir, touched her and prayed in the name of Jesus of Nazareth she said she felt a great change in her heart. A great light flooded her soul and her faith was sealed. She improved from that day and soon went home well. Her people had her married but soon her husband enlisted and went overseas. When she wrote telling him she was going to be baptized on her 18th birthday he did not object. And her mother-in-law was a patient in the hospital about the time this girl was baptized, but no objections were made. So one morning at our chapel service the Indian pastor baptized her. She asked for a new name, a Christian name, so we called her Sarah. She is now in our Bible Training School at Rawalpindi and has suffered no persecution from her people. This would have been impossibile fifteen years ago, ten years ago, or even five years ago.

Now occasionally women come and tell me about some relative in their family or in their brotherhood

who has become a Christian. They even boast a little about it. Just recently, since returning to America, I have heard that the new prime minister of Kashmir state, a very bigoted Hindu state, is a Christian —one of the leaders of the Christian community in India.

I don't want, though, that you should get the impression from this that we have no difficulties in presenting Christ to the people. Mahatma Gandhi, whom so many Americans admire, and who is truly a wonderful man in his efforts for his country, has said that if his party comes into power in India he will stop foreign missionary enterprises. He will have no proselytizing to Christianity. Especially will he close Mission Hospitals where, he claims, the missionaries take advantage of the poor sick patients and force Christian teaching on them when they are too weak to resist.

Such leaders should see our chapel service on Sabbath afternoons, where the non-Christian patients and their relatives come freely. They consider it part of their hospital treatment and wouldn't miss it for anything. I heard one old Mohammedan woman call to her daughter across the hospital courtyard: "Come now, it is time t o go to church." They sit there in the Sabbath School, with their shoes off and their feet drawn upon the benches—as is their custom of sitting—feeling quite at home.

Will New India stop all this? Will there be religious intolerance in the new regime ? We do not know. All we know is that now is the most opportune time we have ever had for preaching and teaching in India. India—half the size of the United States—with more people in it than the three continents of North and South America and Africa put together—needs more missionaries than ever before.

It is written in Ephesians: "Buy up the opportunity, for the times are evil." For this reason do not be thoughtless, but learn to know what the Lord's will is."

For this reason we, God's people, must meet this great need in India and not turn back but press forward in our work there.

A view in the compound of Sialkot Hospital, Sialkot, India

The India of Today and Tomorrow

By GEORGE P. BRYCE

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INDIA: A LAND AT WAR

THE Indian army now numbers over two million men, all volunteers. About 70,000 per month are accepted as recruits—as many as can be equipped and trained. It is the largest volunteer army in history. It has won fame. D'Aosta in Ethiopia, von Arnin in Libya, surrendered to units of the Indian Army. At least seven Indians have won the Victoria Cross. The famous "Fighting Fourth" Division has left its mark from El Alamein to Tunisia and beyond. It is helping in Burma to clear the road again to the help of our Chinese ally.

India occupies a strategic position. India was the glittering prize to which the hands of the Nazis and the men of Nippon were alike stretched out. If they had been able to meet in India—or Afghanistan or Iran—they would have confronted the Allies with an unbroken front from Norway to New Guinea. If the Japanese had been able to occupy the western ports, from Karachi to Colombo, they would have been in a position to cut the supply line from Britain and America, around the Cape of Good Hope and up to the east coast of Africa, through the Suez to Syria and Africa, up the Persian Gulf to the back door of our Russian ally; and today Sicily and Stalingrad might easily have been in other hands.

It is less well known that India has become the arsenal of the Middle East. By action of the Eastern Supply Council, representing the countries in that great arc around the Indian Ocean, from Australia, the Netherlands Indies, throu Malaya and Burma and on Rhodesia and Northern Africa, I dia became the center for the prod tion of war materials.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION

There is another side to t shield. The major political part (it is not true of all parties) a not backing the war effort. T leaders of the Indian National C gress—which is the name, be it ways remembered, of a politi party, not of a legislative body, of an administrative group—t leaders of the party are in dete tion (except Mahatma Gandhi, leased for health reasons). Wh Not because Mr. Gandhi is a pa fist; not because the party seeks dependence for India; but because August 1942 its program meant de inite interference with the war e fort against the Japanese.

What are the reasons for th attitude on the part of the Congre party? There are several; I me tion one—the determining o Mr. Gandhi said that he would n give up non-violence, "because th would mean in my opinion a reca tation of all that Congress has sto for for the last twenty years more." (It is correct to say th the Mahatma's policy has been th of non-violence; the position of t Congress has fluctuated.) "I wou not be guilty of selling that heri age even for the independence of I dia." One may differ from M Gandhi's program, but he is entitle to respect for his consistent loyalt to a high moral position.

WHAT IS OUR ATTITUDE?

I suggest that we, as world citi zens, reasonably well informe should adopt a definite attitude t

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he situation in India. I propose to ive my own position, because I con- der it reasonably representative of hose who know the India of recent mes.

1. First, then, I recognize the ight, and the capacity, of Indians o govern their own country. I do ot forget the difficulties.

2. I recognize nationalism in it- elf as a good thing; in India it has een one of the forces producing a arge measure of national unity. Having said so much, I add that the orce of nationalism in any country omes from sentiment—from the eat of emotion rather than cold acts. In India today there is a sit- ation that is surcharged with emo- ion, emotion that makes the ardent ationalist overlook or make light of actors in the situation that loom arge to the spectator.

3. I look for the coming of self- overnment to India within a com- paratively short time after the war —after a successful termination of he war, without which there would ot be freedom for India, nor for a umber of other countries.

4. I recognize that full credit should be given to Britain for her part in the preparation of India for the day of her political maturity. In 1833 in the House of Commons, Thomas Babington Macaulay, who was later to have so much to do with educational policy in India, used these words: "It may be that the public mind of India may ex- pand under our system till it has outgrown that system; that, by good government, we may educate our subjects into a capacity for bet- ter government; that, having be- come instructed in European knowl- edge, they may, in some future age, demand European institutions. Whether such a day will ever come, I know not. But never will I at- tempt to avert or to retard it. Whenever it comes it will be the proudest day in English history." That, I submit, is forward-looking and liberal statesmanship, and since Macaulay's day it can be traced, like a golden thread, running through the long history of the relations of Britain and India.

5. I recognize that India has the right to choose her own form of government. She may wish de- mocracy. That is the tradition that has come down from nineteenth century liberalism during the days of India's political awakening. The Moslem League, however, claiming to speak for a minority of 90,000,000—not an ordinary minor- ity—says frankly, "We will not sub- mit to democratic rule, for we shall always be outnumbered. If it is forced upon us we will fight. Our ancestors were rulers for centuries in India. Rather than be in a per- manent minority, we prefer 'Pak- istan'—separate provinces of our own." That, retorts the Congress Party, would mean the mutilation of the sacred body of Mother India; it is unthinkable. What form of gov- ernment will come to India is not yet clear; but hers is the right to decide.

6. Furthermore, it is fully con- ceded India has the right to deter- mine her own status. It is possible that she may choose Dominion status—"the same status as the Do- minions of Great Britain herself, un- der a constitution of her (India's) own devising." I believe that it would be to the advantage of India and of the world that she should choose to remain within the orbit of the British Commonwealth of Na- tions. But she may decide that her national interest, and prestige, and dignity dictate that she stand alone in the comity of nations, like her neighbor China. And if she should choose Dominion status, she would have the right the next day, as Sir Stafford Cripps very plainly pointed out, to contract out of the British Commonwealth of Nations, just as New Zealand or South Africa or any other Dominion possesses that right.

LIGHT AND SHADOW

Now in all this situation there are elements both of tragedy and of hope. There is no tragedy in the prospect of India's attaining *swaraj*—surely none who read this, American or Canadian, with our long record of struggle to achieve effective, responsible government, can have anything but sympathy for any great people that aspires to complete self-government.* Nor is there tragedy in the prospect of a parting of the ways by India and Britain. It would be unfortunate, I believe; but not a tragedy. But there is tragedy in this, that after so many decades in which Britons and Indians, working together, have achieved so much, there is now the prospect that they may come to the end of the road, not as the fulfilment of a common task, the arrival at a common goal long looked forward to, but in an atmosphere of distrust, and bitterness, and hostility; and in the further prospect that if Britain should forthwith take her hand from the helm of the ship of state, there would ensue disorder, chaos, civil strife.

There are also grounds for hope in the situation.

The first lies in the long-range history of the Indian National Congress. We may remember if we like that it was founded largely through the efforts of an Englishman, Allan Octavian Hume, I.C.S., avowedly to form a medium for the expression of Indian political opinion. Through two generations it has drawn to itself a very large part of the loyalty, the self-sacrificing devotion and zeal, of India's politically-minded intelligentsia and especially its idealistic youth. While the party was in power in certain Provinces, its members showed, like the Government in the Moslem-majority Provinces, most creditable practical ability. Whether or not one agrees with its program and its emphasis during the last two decades, one may well look for future constructive service, both social and political, on the part of the Indian National Congress.

Then there is the appointment of Archibald, Viscount Wavell, as Viceroy of India. It may seem odd that any representative of a missionary-minded church should hail the coming of an outstanding military man to what is, with little question, the most difficult political post in the world. There are definite reasons. Wavell "is a first-class mind"—witness his penetrating biography of Allenby of Jerusalem, and his published lectures on the art of generalship. He is of course an executive by training: he decides what is to be done, and sees that it gets done. Combined with this quality is his personal initiative; the day after his installation as Viceroy at Delhi, he took a plane to Calcutta, to study for himself the most urgent problem facing his Administration—the famine in Bengal. And within three months, his army trucks had covered 130,000 miles of Bengal's roads and cart-tracks, taking food to where it was most needed—and conveying to many people, a new idea of what an army is for. But more than all this there is that human quality which is most essential in dealing with India—an imagination, a sympathy, that enables him to get the other man's viewpoint, to "put himself inside the other man's skin," and make him feel he understands his needs.

A third hopeful factor is the church and the Christian community. By far the largest in any non-Christian country—between seven and eight million at present—it is a long way behind the Hindus and

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* Emphasis on "complete." Since the first part of the Indian Act, 1935, came into force in 1937, India has had provincial autonomy. Bengal, Madras, the Punjab, have the same rights of self-government, in almost every detail, as Massachusetts or Ontario. Government "at the Center," i. e., Federal Government, is not in existence because the Ruling Princes, the National Congress Party and ahe Moslem League have not yet come together on an agreed basis.

Program Suggestions

By MRS. E. D. McKUNE, Nampa, Idaho

BRIDGING FIVE RIVERS—A STUDY OF THE PUNJAB INDIA

THE function of a bridge may be described as the starting of a stream of human traffic hitherto impossible, or as the linking up of two worlds divided by a gulf. Through our missionaries are we not striving to start and to continue streams of human traffic toward The City of God? Are we not praying for power to lead the people across from their background of Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism, and Jainism, to Christ?

Punjab means "five rivers". Note on a map of India these five rivers which branch off, fan-shaped, from the mighty Indus. In this section, predominately Moslem, we have our *bridging* mission.

Perhaps some groups may wish to enlarge a map of this Punjab section (See middle of Prayer Cycle) or, better still, of all India, locating the five rivers and our mission stations. A miniature bridge may be placed over the map as Topic 1 is introduced.

Helpful, additional Information and Map Source material may be found in such references as:

Facts and Folks by Anna A. Milligan

Prayer Cycle

Current issues of our Church papers

Foreign Missions Handbook for 1941, pp. 21-30

Former India-Special issues of the Women's Missionary Magazine

Interdenominational Study Books on India

Topics:

1. The Approaches. Bridge building requires careful plans and blue prints. Likewise missionary bridge builders must study various *approaches* to India. We must see the problem of this vast sub-continent nurturing 1/5 of the world's population, or in other words on an area about half that of the United States dwells a population twice that of the population of North Africa and South America combined; we must note that India is a rich land full of poor people; view her political situation today in the world's war arena; or we may approach her through the life of her womanhood, etc.

2. The Laborers. Refer to the pioneer days of our mission in India; to missionary laborers of the present; and to the remarkable indigenous church and Indian leaders. In *Moving Millions*, Mrs. Warner says, "We missionaries in India labor in one of the ripest harvest fields the world ever afforded." (p. 40) Somewhere else we read, "India's people are turning to Christianity at the rate of 200,000 a year, or 4,000 a week". With this topic each one may name a missionary in India.

3. Turbulent Streams. Note the bridge-building handicaps caused by such factors as the War; world status of colored races; growing sense of nationalism; inroads of communism; illiteracy of the masses; awakening of the Untouchable, etc. Miss Kate A. Hill in her *Information Please* at the 1944 W. G. M. S. Convention asked Mrs. J. A. McArthur to state what she considered the outstanding events of the previous year in India as they had affected our mission. Mrs. McArthur's answer included these four things: Famine, the release of Gandhi, the death of Dr. John Samuel, and the political situation and its relation to the future of our mission work.

If an India missionary is available, have her present one of these topics, or ask her to tell what she considers the strong turbulent streams to be bridged by missionaries and mission-supporters of our work in India.

Suggested Devotional Service

For Program-Study on "Bridging Five Rivers—A Study of the Punjab India"

By (Mrs. C. W.) ELSIE WEHLING FULTON

Devotional Theme for year beginning April, 1944: SPIRITUAL SPANS.

January: The Span of Benevolence. Prov. 11:24.

(*At front use a cardboard bridge on which is printed "BENEVOLENCE." Take* 13 *large sheets of paper, bind them together at top, and hang at front so that sheets can be turned over in calendar-fashion as "Messages of the Month" are given. On top sheet print:*

"For we must share if we would keep
That blessing from above;
Ceasing to give, we cease to have,
Such is the law of love."

On second sheet print: "Jesus Answers Needs," printing JAN in large red letters. On 11 *remaining sheets, print the messages of the other months, printing the abbreviations of the names of those months also in large red letters. During the service have* 12 *members, in turn, give "Messages of the Months."*)

Leader: "We have just closed the door of the Old Year behind us. We have already entered through the open door into a New Year. We say, "This is the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-five, A.D." Every time we use it, there is a recognition of the Christ. It recognizes that the birth of Jesus is the great dividing point in time. It recognizes that the civilized world calculates its time as so many years before or so many years after the birth of Jesus.

As we journey on through the year that is now new, we may meet with many trying experiences. Just what they will be, we do n now know. Out of God's love a mercy, they are hidden from u However, we may journey on wit out fear, if we recognize that J who walked and talked with H two disciples on the way to E maus is ever near at hand to wa and talk with us. May our hear burn within us as we walk and t with Him this year.

Member symbolizing Jan.: (*Giv brief talk on "Jesus Answe Needs," Ps.* 72:13, 14, *and co cludes with remarks on Pro* 11:24 *and poem printed on fir sheet of paper.*)

Member symbolizing Feb.: (*Giv brief talk on "Follow, Expect, B lieve," Matt.* 16:24, *and rea Matt.* 25:31-46.)

Member symbolizing Mar.: (*Giv talk on "Meditate and Rejoice," P* 119:11-16, *and announces Bib Songs Hymnal No.* 157.)

Member symbolizing Apr.: (*Giv talk on "Always Pray Reverently, Eph.* 6:18, *and follows talk with prayer for the New Year.*)

Member symbolizing May: (*Giv talk on "Many Are Yearning, John* 4:35, *and concludes with th poem which follows.*)

"Who counts his brother's welfa
As sacred as his own,
And loves, forgives and pities—
He serveth Me, alone."

Member symbolizing June: (*Giv talk on "Jesus United Nations Ev erywhere," Rev.* 21:22-24, *co concludes with remarks on th need for world peace.*)

Member symbolizing July: (*Giv talk on "Jesus Undoubtedly Lov*

You," John 3:16, *and announces Bible Songs Hymnal No.* 274.)

Member symbolizing Aug.: (*Gives talk on "Appeal Unto God," Isa.* 55:3, *and reads Ps.* 122.)

Member symbolizing Sept.: (*Gives talk on "Seek Every Prayer Time," Isa.* 55:6, *and leads in prayer for the people of the Punjab, pages* 17-22 *Days in the Prayer Cycle.*)

Members symbolizing Oct.: (*Gives talk on "Offer Christ Thanksgiving," Ps.* 116:17, *and announces B. S. H. No.* 100.)

Member symbolizing Nov.: (*Gives talk on "No Other Victory," I Cor.* 15:57; *Acts* 4:12, *and announces the reading in unison of the words B. S. H.* 122.)

Member symbolizing Dec.: (*Gives talk on "Declare Everywhere Christ," Luke* 16:15, *and closes with the poem which follows.*)

"Love ever gives,
Forgives, outlives,
And ever stands with open hands;
And while it lives, it gives,
For this is love's prerogative:
To give and give and give.

"And while it gives it lives,
For this is love's reward:
To live and live and live."

THE INDIA OF TODAY AND TOMORROW

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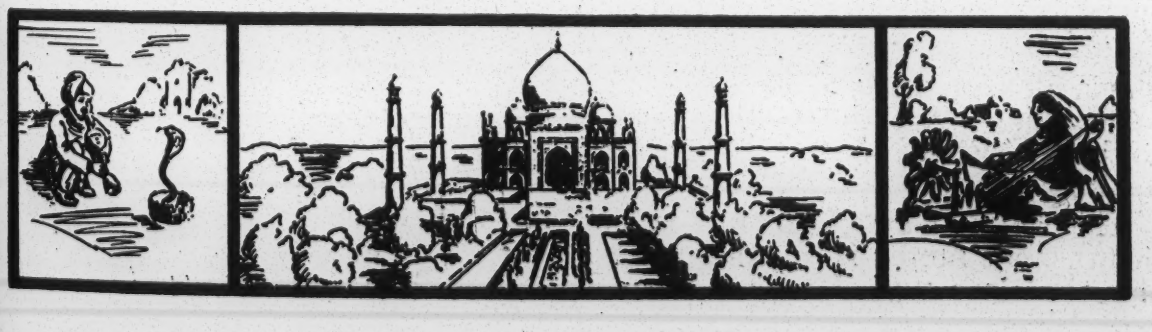
Mohammedans in numbers; but it does rank third in the Census of 1941. Not numbering, like the church in China, a galaxy of leaders in the Government of the country, it is yet influential out of proportion to its numbers. And it can do something to mediate between the two great communities. It can hold out hands in both directions—to the Hindus, with their capacity for intense religious devotion; to the Mohammedans, with their fierce monotheism, with their real and very practical emphasis on the brotherhood of all believers. If the Christian church is true to the spirit of its Founder, and to the best in its own history, it has a magnificent opportunity for a ministry of reconciliation in the India of today and tomorrow.



Experiences of a Chaplain's Wife

By MRS. W. E. MURPHY

THE war has brought many changes in our American way of life, our environment and circumstances. But then, war conditions have affected everyone in varying degrees. People have had to leave homes they loved or give up a successful business. These are great inconveniences, to say the least, but after all most Americans are willing to do their share to bring peace and enable husbands and sons to return.

To narrow it down to one family, my husband is a chaplain in the Air Corps. For over a year now he has been mingling with officers and enlisted men, hearing their problems and trying to give them spiritual counsel. As a minister's wife and mother of three children I had certain misgivings when I consented to his proposal to enter this field of service. We were serving in a small Home Mission Church whose every member we had come to love, and whose fellowship we very much miss. Our children had a safe community in which to play, playmates from Christian homes, a fine school and other advantages.

What would the Chaplaincy offer us, even if we remained together as a family unit, who could tell where the army might send us, what inconveniences and sacrifices would come our way? Could we trust God's leading enough to believe He would provide us with as happy a situation after the war?

Because we really believed it was God's call, my husband did enter the Chaplaincy, we said goodbye to friends and the children and I took up our residence with relatives. We realize none of this is unusual. Thousands all over the land are doing the same thing while they look forward to the time when things will be normal again.

Though separated for seven months, our family is together again, this time in a typical, crowded army town in Texas. The first misgivings of a year ago have disappeared and we realize how fortunate we are, how many blessings we still enjoy and how little we have actually sacrificed. I believe no one in the United States really knows what that word means except those who have sent loved ones overseas.

One of the most noticeable changes for Chaplains and their families is that the one-time pastor and wife are no longer closely engaged in the same activities, a few centered of course in the church. Wives have continued on as church visitors in the absence of their husbands. In our case, we are not only far away from our last congregation but away from any United Presbyterian contacts. The church papers mean more to us now than ever before. People here seem to know only of Presbyterians, not United Presbyterians, for when we tell them we are United Presbyterians they smile and say "Oh yes, Presbyterians." So my children and I have been Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians during our stay here. It will be a real Homecoming to get back among people who know the same people we do and who have the same church interests.

When the war is over one of the most vivid recollections of our army association will be the trials of house hunting. It is a real "fly in the ointment" to those of us who try to keep our families together. And the larger the family, the harder it is. Many places that are rented to servicemen's families are temporary, so that the next move always seems to be just around the corner. We were fortunate in having a small furnished house for the first seven months following our arrival, but early in the summer the owner planned to return from another city and our troubles began. We have always, (and still

do) consider children an asset, but after we were turned down place after place because we had them, we began to wonder. Childless couples can find places by advertising themselves as having "no children and no pets." Some good luck did come our way in that we found a nice place for the summer only. Three weeks ago we moved from it to an auto court where we paid the fabulous price of $3.50 a day for two rooms, supplied our own bedding, dishes, pans, and had no garage. After one week of that we decided the high price included the landlady's not-too-pleasant disposition, and so two weeks ago we moved again, this time to the three room apartment of a friend who was going on furlough for two weeks. He and his family are due to return in a few days, and we know that if something more permanent doesn't open up, we will have to leave the army town. No serviceman's family should plan to stay together "at all costs." There are some costs that are too high to pay, where children are concerned. We have had a chance to observe the type of accommodations offered, and while many civilians have made sacrifices to help out servicemen, many others have used the occasion to their own profit, not caring what they offered, only how much they could get for it. A friend of ours, an officer, reported to his landlord the presence of roaches in his apartment, but the only response from the landlord was a shrug and "Oh, that's nothing."

And what of the Chaplain's work? Every day brings fresh realization of the need for him. His first and most important function is spiritual, but many social problems come to him too. It has been brought again and again to our attention that one of the greatest tragedies of this war is the separation of families, because it has so often led to unfaithfulness and divorce. Hasty marriage has also contributed to this condition. Another closely related observation is the moral let-down during war-time. We would like to join more freely in the social life at the Base, yet find the prevalence of drink and certain types of entertainment a deterring factor. But one does not need to be an army wife to realize the moral picture of our country. Even our radio programs designed to improve morals among servicemen have deteriorated. The phrase "anything goes" is too often descriptive.

As a Mother, I am particularly anxious for the right playmates for our children. One day they were playing with another officer's child, age six, and during their play I overheard the little guest say "Let's play we're drinking whiskey." I stopped her and said "You don't drink whiskey, why do you want to play that way?" To which she replied, "No, I don't, but my mamma does."

One wonders how much of our war-time habits and ideals will carry on into peacetime. One thing is certain. More spiritual emphasis will be needed than ever before. We must agree on this because for one thing we have seen and heard that juvenile delinquency has climbed to unheard of proportions. We are also concerned for the returning serviceman who must start life over again. Many of them will be incapacitated so that they cannot enter the work to which they were accustomed. We are concerned for the wives and mothers who will welcome home these heroes, and who must adjust their lives accordingly. The churches will have a wonderful opportunity in the challenge that confronts them when war is over.

Letter from Melbourne, Australia

Melbourne, Australia,
Sept. 4, 1944

Dear Friends:

Greetings from Australia!

It was a cold day—seven weeks ago yesterday when we reached here—but what warm hospitality awaited us. There to greet us even before we stepped ashore was the chairman of the National Missionary Council of Australia, the Rev. F. A. Marsh and the Victorian Branch Secretary, Miss Eileen M. Woodward and others. They had not only missed Sunday morning Church Service but their noon meal—yes, and even their tea. How many hours were spent before our arrival in working out details for our comfort we will never know but we know much has been done and is being done for us. Our party numbered thirty-three and although two groups have left we are still eighteen.

Some of us went to very pleasant homes—never less than two to a home for the first twenty-four hours and later to places we were to call home during our stay here. I was one of the two who had the pleasure of staying at "Rolland House," the Presbyterian Training College for Deaconesses and Missionaries and then one of the ten for the Presbyterian Mission Rest House the next day. Fernside is a delightful large home willed to the Church by one of their Missionaries for this purpose. It is a half hour's train ride from the heart of the city. The house is large and well equipped and here nine of us representing different denominations and working in various states in India spent four and a half weeks together. We are now five—four Methodist ladies and myself. Two Dutch Reformed, one Presbyterian, and one Congrgational Missionary, the latter two going to the field for the first time, left over two weeks ago for India.

It has been a pleasant experience to do our own housekeeping here—our dealing with the butcher, the baker, etc. have been most pleasant. I think we all feel we couldn't have been detained in a more desirable place. We have wanted for nothing—unless it was a bit of warmth for our bodies on arrival—even that was soon taken care of and we were supplied with ration coupons for warm clothes. One really needs old fashioned "red flannels" here.

MISS EVVA HARTIG, R.N.
En route to India. Detained in Melbourne. "Couldn't have been detained in a more desirable place."

I cannot find words to express the hospitality and Christian fellowship we have enjoyed here. It is something we shall never forget! It has been good to be here. Naturally all of us are anxious to be on our way—but we feel confident that His hand has been in it all.

What a delightful surprise during the first week here to find this year's copies of our Magazine in the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union lounge (May 1944 latest number). I traveled back home in thought that morning and had a visit with many of you and decided I'd write you at once. Letter writing has been difficult in this large family with only

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Good News from Far Countries

India

MRS. JOSEPH ALTER, Editor, Zafarwal, India

CONFERENCE TIME

Many of us took our rest in Kashmir this year and are back to heavy tasks in cities, districts, schools and hospitals.

This is the time of conferences. Kashmir Keswick was of great spiritual blessing to tired missionaries. Pasrur, Sialkot, Gujranwala and Sangla Hill Presbyterial Bible Schools have been on, and native pastors, evangelists, teachers and their families have come together, bringing their own food. The time was spent in Bible study and fellowship, and in conferences on presentday problems of the church. Sialkot Convention is hoping to open this week. Cholera has been in epidemic form and there has been a very virulent form of malaria and also typhoid fever prevalent. It is hoped these epidemics may not hinder the Convention.

HIGH SPOTS

A village elder testified that he, a poor man, had promised the Lord one-tenth of his income and in the past year he had prospered. He gave Rs. 5 for Synod's Home Mission work.

Two converts from the Robber caste—a young man and his wife have been baptized by Padre Gill, Home Missionary in Sharagarh.

Indian teachers, with Betsy Fleming in Kasmir, saw lakes, valleys and mountains for the first time in their lives. Said one, "Now we can make geography vivid."

Mrs. J. C. Alter

1944 *SARAH DAUGHERTY BIBLE WOMEN'S TRAINING CONFERENCE, JHELUM, PUNJAB, INDIA*

New missionaries in India are invited to attend "Sarah Daugherty", the annual Bible Women's Training School. Though by 1944 I was by no means "new", I had my first opportunity to attend. It was a real delight to meet with the Bible women of the whole mission, to study Galatians in Punjabi with them every day under the instruction of Miss Mary Kyle and Miss Reynolds, to receive instruction daily from Mrs. Mary Samuel in "How to present the gospel more winningly," and to go to the zenanas at Jhelum each day with a new group of Bible women selling gospel portions and giving a witness to our Saviour.

Jhelum is a stronghold of Islam, and it has always been counted one of the hardest stations of our mission. But the Lord's spirit caused people to give us a good hearing, and every day the ten groups of Bible women return to the mission compound aglow with the wonderful chances to witness they had had. One day a woman came darting out of a crowd of listeners, caught our hands and said imploringly, "Come with me and tell my people too." She led us to a courtyard where at least fifty people were gathered and said, "Now speak". It was a great joy to obey her command before all those eager listeners. Afterward when we were singing a Psalm to our amazement the old patriarch of the family sang too. "Where did you learn this Psalm" we exclaimed. "Oh, Miss Wilson used to come and she taught me that and many more". (Later we figured she must have meant Miss Margaret Wilson who has been gone nearly thirty years).

It was a great joy every day to conduct servants' worship with Khanzemen, the cook at the Jhelum Mission bungalow and his two brothers. This was the dear Khangemen of

my nephew, John White, for whom he had prayed as long as he lived. Now Khanzemen is a Christian. Throughout his baptismal service, I kept thinking how John-in-heaven was rejoicing that this beloved guardian of his baby days was safe within Christ's family at last. This one has paid heavily for his baptism, enduring much persecution from his family and friends. He has been amazingly meek and steadfast and in those days in worship together there was real joy in fellowship with this one who has received so much of his Lord's spirit.

Jhelum is one of the few mission stations outside of Sialkot, I had seen as a child. I had gone there to the funeral of my mother's first cousin, Grace Collins Campbell. I went again to the cemetery, this time to pay my respects to the nine missionary graves there, three of which are those of our cousins. Miss Elizabeth McConnell, R.N., is the very busy missionary there and has a heavy load in the hospital, church and community work. Jhelum is a large bigoted territory that has been without a missionary set aside exclusively for evangelism for many years. It tugs at our hearts constantly and how often have I heard the prayer, "Oh Lord, send some one to Jhelum district"!

Do you, too, join us in our burden for more workers for Jhelum, who can take the Word to that great multitude of people in desperate need?

Margaret Ballantyne

FRONTIER INCIDENTS

By MISS EVA HEWITT

Campbellpur, India

There is a tiny mud hut in the hills near the border of tribal territory but still in the Northwest Frontier Province in which Mrs. Paterson has made contacts for Christ through th egiving of medicines and the Gospel. It is a possible mission station for someone with the vision for healing and Gospel work, when recruits again begin to come to India. Here one does not have great crowds for the villages are far apart as compared with the southern districts, but the need is tremendous in a section of no hispitals, and the joy is great in speaking quietly with a few who love the "good words." True, one must tramp over the hills to find these.

One morning with a guide we started early to the village called the King's Place, the khan (landowner) of which had the day before asked for medical help for his wife. It was a beautiful walk before the sun was high. At a distance the khan saw us and came, all apologies, that now we had come, his wife refused to be seen, saying when all previous remedies had failed, why, now, interfere with the work of God and bring in new ones! Undaunted, for this was to be also a Gospel opportunity, we hoped, Mrs. Paterson said, "Never mind, Khan Sahib, we'll not mention cures, but after a little rest at your house we'll go back." The day before he had said his women might listen to the "things of God" from us.

As we approached the village between the ripening wheatfields, it was apparent we were being enjoyed, for the mud roofs were becoming more and more popular as vantage points from which to view the visitors. The black-clad peasant women, each with a babe on her hip, smiled broadly as we came near, and toddlers who had not seen foreigners clutched their mothers' flowing garments for protection as they peeped furtively from behind the folds.

We were escorted into the men's quarters, which are always more comfortable than the women's, and seated each on a separate bed covered by a gorgeous spread. A friend of the khan was present, a Border relative who had come to call this important householder to help settle a fight which had resulted the night before in the burning of a home. His quick shifty eyes were proof of the potential craft and cruelty for

which his people are famous. Both men sat with us a moment, and then in came the wife, daughter, older sister and other women relatives of the house, dressed in their best colored suits. Remarkably, as soon as they has been introduced the men slipped out and left us alone with the women. Evidently their going was the signal, for immediately the peasant women with their children croweded in and in a trice the room was dark with their black homespur. We asked them all to be seated, and they almost filled the large room as they sat on the floor.

We talked a little while about the things they always want to know on a first visit, and then came a sweet, simple rendition of the story of Christ's love for all mankind, which was understood, although not spoken in their native Pashtu. The old widowed sister said over and over, "Love is a beautiful thing." No doubt, she in her widowhood had seen little of it. The women had sat so quietly for those fifteen minutes that Mrs. Paterson now said I should also speak to them. It is always a precious moment—a golden opportunity—to tell women for the first time how God saves from sin. We were quite certain no one had ever brought the message to that village. God's Spirit was working that morning, and making hearts still and minds eager, keeping out every kind of disturbance. The room was as quiet as a church. At the end, but not interupting, the khan and his daughter brought in a little table, spread upon it a bright-colored Japanese rayon cloth, set a covered tray before us, and bade us partake. This was pure entertainment for the assembled crowd, and for us it was a pleasure to drink the tea for everything was clean, and to eat the hard-boiled eggs. This provision of refreshment was God's arrangement that we might have strength for the walk home and to stop at another village on the way.

We parted friends, they knowing we had come because of God's love; we believing there were hearts now ready to hear more when someone else can go. The women followed us out of the house, and would have gone on, but the khan said a word and all turned back. Graciously showing his Pathan hospitality, he escorted us out through the fields until we begged him not to take more trouble for us. We praised for one more village at the Border opened to the Gospel.

The Sudan

MRS. R. F. SHIELDS, Editor, Khartoum, The Egyptian Sudan

NASIR NUZ AND NOTES

July, 1944

The first of this month was a memorable day here as early morning found us putting the finishing touches to our preparations for the visit of the Governor General and his party. The butcher sent us word that he would have beef for us that morning so the last "if" was erased from our menu (and four chickens had a temporary reprieve).

Shortly after 4 p.m., the Governor General and his wife Lady Huddlestone, and Governor Davies and his wife and four other members of their party arrived at the Mission and were shown over the compound by Mr. Adair. After a short program by the schoolboys, they came to see me and I was delighted to show them my residence (except the kitchen which I carefully ignored for the paint brushes had not yet arrived). Our hedge in the back yard was full of big clusters of red blossoms and made a beautiful picture through the window (as well as shielding the store room from view which is its original

purpose). The fence is not up but the little gate stood at the end of the path and the entire party insisted on going through it as we went to the clinic which received its due share of attention. Mrs. Adair had left the party here so after accompanying them over to Miss Soule's, I dashed home also for schoolboys had to be called and chairs, lamps, sofa cushions escorted over to Adairs for the G. G. had invited us to tea on his boat and there were only these few minutes to attend to these preliminaries before "mosquito time."

We enjoyed their tea very much but when dusk came we hurried home to prepare for the last scene, for with our combined resources we were entertaining the Big Four at dinner at Adairs. They were so friendly and informal, we had a most enjoyable afternoon and evening and everything went off "according to plan."

The next day the Adairs and the editor gathered around the remains of the dinner and enjoyed it again as we talked of how interested and how interesting our guests had been.

The white feminine population of our city decreased by 1/3 the other day when Mrs. Adair went on vacation to Loka where some of our Nuer boys are attending the G M S school. The Gov't. sent their launch the *Queen* up from Abwong for her and she had an opportunity to visit the new Gov't school which was opened there for the first time this spring, its object being higher education for the boys of these Nilotic tribes. They have plans to take in as many as 150 boys and train them as teachers. It is thrilling to hear of their plans, their finances, their hopes as they make this a permanent feature of their educational program. Now we wish we could plan on the scale and with the assurance that they What a wonderful thing this sc will be toward making these tri literate.

In writing in our diary the ot day we noted that a year ago were on the Nile on the last part our long journey and had joined er passengers in a heated discuss about "What determines whether bird hops or walks?" The quest was left undecided but right now more perplexing one concerns Where do small toads come fr when it rains? We find them in va ous places when it rains, in our b room, in our bathtub. Tiny, th but such jumpers!

Tomorrow our party of missi aries is supposed to reach the fi station in the south Sudan. H thrilled we are to think they are t close! Surely God has honored o prayers. These missionaries are t first to join our Sudan force sin the editor arrived a year ago. H we long for their arrival, for the also whom we hope are enroute a for those yet to come.

This year has been an eventful o our deepest impression being th every one except myself is due long overdue for furlough and th much needed. The year has been fu our trip to Sayo when Dr. Doug erty was stabbed, the Christi standards conference here, attendi association and the language confe ence, clinic work regularly and all o spare time on language, four dos of malaria sprinkled through th year, our new house made and no occupied. Now we start another ye in our own home, a doctor comin language work stacked high and pla for bringing His Word to Nuerland

Ray Huffman, R.N.

Ethiopia

BUSY DAYS IN ETHIOPIA

(From a Personal Letter)

Mr. Buchanan and I are busy these ys in school. We have about 130 ildren, most of whom are day pu- ls. Mr. Buchanan has a two-hour ass in Bible and doctrine, with some ung men sent in from all the sur- unding churches. These students pect to be evangelists. This year e have quite a number—about a zen of young men from the vil- ge, who are government clerks. ey come for a little over two hours the afternoon and get Arithmetic, nglish Reading and Writing along ith another class I have of teachers. am also trying to give them some mple Geography. It is interesting t we never have enough books nor ough time. We have sent for more oks and hope they may come soon. his year we are using some books commended by Mrs. Walker. I like em very much. They are far su- erior to the ones the Sudan Govern- ent uses I think. We get them from e C.M.S. Book Store in Nairobi ey are printed in England and are r people of all lands.

Ruth Beatty is busy these days in e clinic and also making garden. e and Doctor Dougherty take a day week each off, and that is a help r both. It has been hard to get sed to servants again.

This year we decided that we would ot take any older girls in the board- g department. As a matter of fact e have only four girls and one small oy boarding. There were some older irls who had been in the dormitory efore and they decided they would ome anyway, to day school. I have een surprised. Two of them have walked over an hour each morning nd eve to get to school. Finally we gave them a house and their father s here with them, also another sis- ter and a brother. Two of our teach- ers walk an hour to and from school each day. They can walk better than the rest of us!

The churches are a joy, but some- times we think they seem to be get- ting a bit self complacent. Gidada is full of zeal and is always busy. He is on the go most of the time, visiting the different churches. Since Rev. Mamo Chorka is in Addis Ababa, trying to get released from some gov- ernment work, Gidada has it all on his shoulders. It is really too much for him, but in spite of severe colds, he keeps going. He has a horse that he rides. A number of men have mules or horses and good foreign saddles. Ruth and I walk or borrow Mr. Buchanan's mule. We hope some day when the war is over, we can have a car of some sort for the sta- tion. Since the village (town I should say) is over a mile away, any sick calls or shopping tours take time.

The former church and school house has no glass in the windows and we had so much wind bringing colds, that we finally moved into half of the hospital. Up there we have wooden floors and ceilings, nice white walls and glass windows. There are far less bojalies too. They are in- sects we have here that make the poor children's feet so sore.

Speaking of poor children, it seems to us they are all so much poorer than formerly. They had a famine a little over a year ago and haven't caught up yet. Any extra money they have, goes for food, and clothes are rags. I still wish I could supply soap and hot water to all.

Isabel Blair

American Mission, Sayo
Gambeila, via Malakal
A. E. Sudan

Egypt

MRS. W. J. SKELLIE, Editor, Luxor, Egypt

VICTORY

After completing the second year Secondary and the Kindergarten course for teachers, I enrolled as a pupil in the Bible Teachers' Training School in Tanta intending to study there one year. But when that year had passed, I found myself so in need of more Bible study that I was constrained to complete the two remaining years which the school offers. These three years were precious years and happy years and at the end of the course my one desire was to serve my Lord feeling that He Who had died for me, had chosen me to witness to Him.

That was a little over two years ago and this is the beginning of my third year's service as a Bible teacher in the homes. There are one hundred and fifty homes which I visit regularly, besides holding meetings for groups, and giving the message of salvation and hope at mournings whenever I have opportunity.

I am ashamed to admit that my first two years of service were not what they might have been: I did not enjoy the continual presence of the Lord, even though I tried. He came and went as a Guest, but I wanted Him to make my heart His dwelling place. On June 14, 1943 I was terribly discouraged and dissatisfied with myself. We had been studying the life that is possible for members of His Kingdom to live right here and now, and my life was so different. When I retired, I could not sleep and cried to the Lord from my burdened heart—"If such a life is possible, why don't I experience it? If you don't work in me, and reveal this life in me, making me know that Thou art in me, and I in Thee as a member of a body, or a branch in a vine, or a living stone in your building, then I must leave off serving. I must not even claim to be a Christian. If you don't want me, make me to know it. If You do want me, then let my life be victorious." I had cried out to Him in my distress and in deep earnestness and He came to me assuring me of His love and His desire. He was even more desirous than I to make me have this experience for which I longed but here was His condition: I must surrender entirely, give myself to Him allowing Him to reign in my heart. O, how gladly I complied wanting to be as clay in the hand of the potter, wanting Him to mould me according to His will. How I thanked Him and I can't describe the deep peace which came to me at once. He is my Peace and my Life.

Right away He began to use me and to reveal Himself to individuals through me. Soon fifteen of my pupils were sure of their personal salvation and what joy was mine in being used to lead them to their assurance. When I called at one home my pupil was absent, so I sat with the maid servant and witnessed to her. Scarcely would she believe that God loves her and offers her salvation freely. But she did accept Jesus as her Saviour and we knelt together praising Him. Three others have secretly confessed their belief in Him and for them I am praying. Some hear and accept; others are very fanatical. As I travel by train or bus to the villages, I give out many tracts with a secret prayer to Him Who works secretly in hearts.

The village work is my greatest joy. The people are so simple, so eager to hear, and often they have so little of joy. Big and little gather round me and sing, listen hungrily, tell the story they heard two weeks before, before hearing the new lesson.

My request of you who are interested in our Lord being glorified and His kingdom extended is that you

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An Appreciation of Mrs. J. D. Sands

On this occasion we wish to express our appreciation of your faithful service of thirty-seven years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Women's General Missionary Society.

Your many fine talents of leadership have been demonstrated through the years as Home Mission ecretary, Parsonage Secretary, Rail Road and Financial Secretary and since 1932 Foreign Secretary.

In addition to these you have been our honored President for twenty-seven years.

Your beauty, gracious personality, wisdom in dealing with difficult problems and your kindly interest in each member of the Board have endeared you to all of us.

Our love for you and pride in you have been shared by all who have known you.

During the years your life has influenced the lives of fifty Board members. The fourteen members of the Board of 1907, the twenty-two members serving during the period and the fourteen present members. You have been the golden link joining the present members to the very beginning of this organization. You served twenty-five years by the side of one of that original group.

The fragrance of your life has been wafted to the far away countries of Egypt, India, The Sudan and Ethiopia.

MRS. J. D. SANDS

Retiring after serving 37 years on the Board; 27 years as Secretary of Foreign Missions.

"Your girls" as you so fondly speak of the missionaries of these lands also love you and are conscious of your personal interest in each of them.

We all regret your desire to be relieved from the active duties but your name is placed on the Honor Roll with the expectation of your continuing to share with us your valuable wisdom and experience.

The Board of Directors

October 17, 1944

"GOD BLESS YOU"

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee,
The Lord make His face shine upon thee,
And be gracious unto thee."

"I seek in pray'rful words, dear friend,
My heart's true wish to send you,
That you may know that, far or near,
My loving thoughts attend you.

"I cannot find a truer word
Nor fonder to caress you,
Nor song nor poem I have heard
Is sweeter than God bless you!

"God bless you! so I've wished you all
Of brightness life possesses;
For can there any joy at all
Be thine, unless God blesses?

"God bless you! so I breath a charm,
Lest griefs dark night oppress you;
For how can sorrow bring you harm,
If 'tis God's way to bless you?

"And so, Through all thy days
May shadows touch thee never,
But this alone—God bless thee, dear—
Then art thou safe forever."

Editorial

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Ruth White Minteer

FOR YOU

The things you loved I have not laid away
To molder in the darkness, year by year;
The songs you sang, the books you read each day,
Are all about me intimate and dear.
I do not keep your chair a thing apart,
Lonely and empty—desolate to view—
But if one comes a-weary, sick at heart—
I seat him there and comfort him—for you.

I do not go apart in grief and weep,
For I have known your tenderness and care.
Such memories are joys, that we may keep
And so I pray for those whose lives are bare.
I may not daily go and scatter flowers
Where you are sleeping 'neath the sun and dew—
But if one lies in pain through weary hours,
I send the blossoms there, dear heart for you.

Life claims our best. You would not have me waste
A single day in selfish idle woe.
I fancy that I hear you bid me haste
Lest I should sadly falter as I go.
Perchance so much that now seems incomplete
Was left for me in my poor way to do,
And I shall love to tell you—when we meet—
That I have done your errands, dear, for you.

—*Ida Blakeman Issertell.*

"Blessed be God, even the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort. Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." *II Cor.* 1:3, 4.

THE SHIP

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads white sails in the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean.

She is an object of beauty and strength, and I stand and watch her until at length she is only a ribbon of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then some one at my side says: "There's she's gone!"

Gone where? Gone from my sight—that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side, and just as able to bear her load of living freight—to the place of destination. Her diminished size is in me, not in her, and just at the moment when some one at my side says: "There! She's gone," there are other voices ready to take up the glad shout: "There, she comes!"

Author Unknown

"And they shall see His face. And His name shall be in their foreheads. . . . And they shall reign forever and ever. Rev. 22:4, 5.

KEEPING THE FAITH

One of the things that has made a lasting impression on our fighting men in the Pacific is the hardihood and selfless service of the missionaries who have devoted their lives to bringing the word of God to the natives of the islands.

The missionaries have struggled under the most trying conditions.

They have seen the work of years ruined overnight by the invading aggressors, and have started building anew as soon as the invader was cleared out.

Not all the stories of the heroism of these missionaries have yet been told.

Perhaps we shall never know in full the fortitude with which they have met the most trying conditions.

The missionaries are carrying on, fighting the battle of the Lord as valiantly as our boys are fighting for the cause of liberty and freedom.

But they cannot do it alone.

They need your help.

Your contribution to the missionary cause will help these intrepid fighters for righteousness to rebuild their devastated missions and aid them in their task of spreading the Gospel.

Editorial in Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph Tuesday, Oct. 24, 1944

The Magazine Says:

When you send a change of address to my Treasurer, be sure to state your former address as well as your new address. The failure to do this has often caused a delay in receiving my latest issue on time.

Always be explicit in sending in any requests. One dear old lady who apparently didn't measure up in this respect wrote this to my early sponsors: "Dear friends, I subscribed for the Magazine three months ago—have not received a single copy. There is no time to lose as I am 77 years old."

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GIFTS FOR THE KING

We are soon to celebrate the birthday of the Christ Child. His birth was prophesied many centuries before.

"Behold, the King shall reign in righteousness."

"Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty."

"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a law-giver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever. Thou lovest righteousness and hatest iniquity; therefore God even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

"The government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever."

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith into Zion, Thy God reigneth!"

In the fulness of time this great gift came to the world as a little baby into a humble home. . . At hie birth the heavenly host appeared praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased." Wise men journeyed far to see this King whose star they had seen in their own country. When they saw the King they fell down and wor shiped Him and, opening their trea ures, presented to Him gifts—gol and frankincense and myrrh. Thu the King came into the world dar in sin, bringing the good tidings o great joy, for the salvation of th world.

The hearts of those who have ac cepted Him as their Saviour are filled with love for Him and bring gifts as did the wise men.

Christmas is the birthday of the King—Jesus, who gave His life upon the cruel cross that the sinful world might be cleansed by His shed blood.

At this Christmas time may we think of the great gift God sent the world. He gave His best gift to us. He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have eternal life.

With the love of God in our hearts we will celebrate with praise and thanksgiving, and present to Him gifts that the good news of salvation may be carried even to the uttermost parts of the earth. We should give of our means, but most important we must first give ourselves. Christ is the center and source of a true Christmas. Unless we recognize that God came to earth in the person of a child born in Bethlehem of old, we have no Christmas.

The Christ is the world's Saviour. "Let us remember—

How once our Lord poured out His blood for us

And in the prime of His mysterious manhood

Gave up His precious life upon the cross.

The Lord of lords by whom the world was made

Gave us the best He had!"

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62. Myra Hardy, Arkansas City, Kansas. By friends.

63. Mrs. Elizabeth Gotschall Clayton, Saxman, Kansas. By her mother, Mrs. Emma Gotschall, and her aunts, Bella and Jennie Smith.

64. Private Fred H. Westphal. In loving memory, by friends of Lyndhurst, N. J.

65. Mrs. William D. Lunden, Youngstown, Ohio. By Margaret E. Peterson.

66. Mrs. Fred Euhus, Burchard, Nebraska. By her niece, Winifred Eastwood.

67. Beulah G. Ruthrauff, New Castle, Pa.

68. Freda W. Sampson, New Castle, Pa. By friends.

69. Mrs. Sarah A. Graham, Turtle Creek, Pa. By her daughters, Hilda Graham and Mrs. Anna Mae Chicka.

70. Alta M. Meanor, Turtle Creek, Pa. By members of Grace McGough Sabbath School Class.

71. Mrs. Bernice Henderson, Turtle Creek, Pa. By a friend.

72. Mrs. Sara Hunter, Turtle Creek, Pa. By a friend.

73. Katherine MacDonald, Boston, Mass. By the W. M. S.

74. Mrs. George Campbell, Boston, Mass. By the W. M. S.

75. Mrs. A. D. Campbell, Boston, Mass. By the MacPherson Class.

PRESBYTERIALS TREASURERS

Please keep in mind that the 1944 thank offering must be in the hands of Mrs. Samuel E. Baird not later than December 30, 1944.

HONOR ROLL—DELEGATES TO THE 1945 W. G. M. S. CONVENTION

PRESBYTERIAL	DATE RECEIVED	SECRETARY REPORTING
1. Kiskiminetas	August 12, 1944	Mrs. J. Orr McLaughlin
2. Monongahela	October 12, 1944	Mrs. F. E. Milligan
3. Spokane	October 13, 1944	Mrs. L. M. Caldwell
4. New York	October 24, 1944	Mrs. A. D. Perry
5. Idaho	October 25, 1944	Mrs. C. B. Hill

Young Women's Department
including
Girls' Circles

MISS IDA B. LITTLE, Young Women's Secretary
1503 Dormont Ave., So. Hills, Pittsburgh, Pa.

AIMS—A. A Circle or a Y. W. Society or both in every congregation.
B. Support of Work of W.G.M.S. materially and spiritually.
C. Payment in full of Y.W. Special Fund.
ASKING of Societies—Average of one dollar per member for those 20 years and over.
Average of fifty cents for members under twenty years.
APPROXIMATE REQUIREMENTS—$9,000.
Consider—"You cannot spell success without the alphabet of faithful endeavor."

YOUNG WOMEN'S SPECIAL WORK

Permanent object—Support of G. B. S., Pasrur, India.
Annually decided object—Salaries of Mrs. J. B. McGaffin, Matron of Girls Dormitory, Frenchburg, Ky.; Mrs. Eva J. Adams, R.N., Superintendent of Jubilee Hospital, Henderson, N. C.; Miss Beth Johnstone, Tacoma, Wash.; Miss Mary Cole, Khartum North, The Sudan.

NEW YOUNG WOMEN'S SOCIETIES AND GIRLS' CIRCLES

There should be a goodly number of new societies by this time of year. About three-fourths of the year, 1944-45, has passed. If you have girls or young women in your congregation not linked up with the missionary organizations because there is no society to minister to their needs, who is responsible for this neglect? Let all those promises you have made yourself that your congregation shall not hold back the progress of the Kingdom because your young people have not been encouraged to gather in groups that they might be united in missionary training and giving. Let's hear from you! WeWlcome to the following societies!

Monongahela Presbyterial — *Union Girls' Circle*—12 members.

Monongahela Presbyterial — *Homewood Ruth Minteer Circle* (*T*)—10 members.

Beaver Valley Presbyterial — *Rocky Springs Young Women's Society*—20 members.

The secretary, in reporting the society, spoke of the holding of the monthly meetings in the homes and of endeavoring to become acquainted with the constitution, the Magazine and the Prayer Circle as well as to learn about our workers at home and abroad. She emphasized the fact that as young women they are learning the lesson of cooperation. Learning to work together is valuable to the society as well as to the congregation in which it operates.

A new society at Neil Avenue church, Columbus, the "Tags", with a membership of ten when reported, now has twelve members and is very active in the work. It is one of the new societies appearing on the blank in April. The Marguerite Buchanan society sponsors this new group. At this time, the society is making stuffed animals for a mission box. Each member has written to a missionary. Four answers have been received with enclosures of pictures. The girls are also making a scrapbook, containing pictures from different mission fields. This new group uses the Prayer Cycle. It is the hope that the "Tags" shall increase in number and be full of good works and a zeal for the cause of missions.

"KEEPING ON"

Herein lies much of the success in life. It is easy enough to pursue an attractive new project for a short time or one not so new, but with assured success. The test comes when interest in an undertaking seems to be waning, when one after another of once-interested people drop out and

new members are very few. Because one ceases coming another may feel her loyalty slipping. It is plain that it is possible to finish a job gloriously by keeping on.

We have just passed the 452nd anniversary of Columbus' great discovery—our own great country. History attributes his final success to his keeping on in the face of great obstacles. Few believed in his great dream, not even his own countrymen, or those who eventually sailed with him. His belief that by sailing west he might reach his goal, the East Indies, was scouted. Many still held that the earth was a flat surface, but Columbus believed that he could reach the east by sailing west! By keeping on, his dream was realized—at least in finding a new country.

However, there were very few who were willing to hazard a fortune to help finance the project. Finally, Queen Isabella of Spain came to his aid, and the voyage was on. The faith in the heart of Columbus gave him courage to keep on.

New adventures did not cease in 1492! As long as man is on earth there will be the urge to go ahead. This is true of the church as well as in any other realm. There are missionary societies that start off with many handicaps. There are those that feel that failure is in the offing and there are those who have high hopes of success. Some organizations begin with promise but fade as a flower even before the first year is completed. Others prosper and prove to be a blessing to the work of the Kingdom. Any evidence of the lack of spiritual stamina is disheartening. We like to think that all our girls and young women have the best interests of the church at heart and will not stop short of their best efforts.

May it be possible that loss is sustained because sponsors have failed to provide the proper atmosphere? May it be that the girls have the feeling of being "let down" by their elders? Every effort should be made to keep a girls' society in action, lest future usefulness along missionary lines may be frustrated. Success in early life is a real tonic.

A congregation suffers when its organizations weaken and finally cease. An inferiority complex may lay hold of a church as well as of an individual. The individual, the organization that keeps on in an even way, is an encouragement to the whole work. No good work may ever be called insignificant. If it is good, it is good for something!

Suppose Columbus had failed to keep on in his search for the new way east, would our country have been sighted so early? His spirit of keeping on seemed to permeate the new land and it has developed gradually into one of the great powers of the world. We may not minimize the deep value in just "keeping on!"

It might be helpful to all to assimilate the spirit of the following prayer: "Keep me from turning my back, dear God. Help me to steer my life by the truth and to have the faith that right cannot be defeated."

YOUNG WOMEN'S SPECIAL FUND

Not much has been written on this subject for some time. Perhaps we take it too much for granted that everyone knows all about it. May we add that it is our hope that at least a few members of every society are faithful readers of the pages of the Magazine, and the society may benefit from their reading. Is this not the least to be expected?

Now we shall assume that a brand new subject is being presented. The Y. W. Special Fund is one apart from the support of the regular work (the Seven Departments); the assessments, popularly so called, (Presbyterial Expense fund, W. G. M. S. fund and the Isaiah fund). It is an extra fund. Those twenty years or older pay at the average rate of one dollar per member per year; under twenty years, fifty cents a year.

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Girls' Circle

Mrs. James R. Lee, Bellerose, L. I., New York

BRIDGING THE FIVE RIVERS

A Study of the Punjab, India, for Girls' Groups

Again we see missionaries leading the way, working together through various denominations, that with one heart and mind all may gain new vision and new strength, building a World Christian Community.

Invitation:

On white paper draw the pattern of a hand (representing friendship across the oceans to India).

On one side print:

"May God give
Light to guide us,
Courage to support us,
And love to unite us."

On the other side:

Place Date Time etc.

Program:

To make the meeting a little different from the usual one, serve tea and cakes and sit in a circle. Perhaps you may have some India brass or wood objects or bright colored rugs or prints which may be arranged in the room.

Each girl can answer roll call with a short current news item concerning India from a newspaper or magazine article. Select some of the girls before the meeting to report interesting news or other items about our own mission stations in this country,—for instance:

Our hospital in Sialkot.

Work among the village people,—Sangla Hill.

A school,—Sheikhupura.

Pasrur or Lyallpur, or any other stations which interest you.

"Our laborers go on building, for when Christ comes to the village He brings a new way of life with Him."

"For Thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise."

F. S. Pierpoint.

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There are two objects to support, the support of the Pasrur Girls' Boarding School at Pasrur, India, and the payment of four salaries—the personnel being Miss Mary Coie of the Sudan, Mrs. Eva J. Adams, R. N. of Jubilee Hospital at Henderson, N. C., Mrs. James McGaffin, Frenchburg, Ky., and Miss Bess Johnstone of Tacoma, Washington. Miss Coie is engaged in Bible Women's work, Mrs. Adams is superintendent of the hospital (Jubilee); Mrs. McGaffin is the matron of the dormitory at Frenchburg school; Miss Johnstone is a home missionary at a mission church in Tacoma.

The askings for the support of the work are $8,000, about equally divided between the support of the school and the salaries.

We all recognize that many are not

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Home Missions Department

MRS. WILLIAM S. COOK, Secretary, 1201 Sixth Avenue, Beaver Falls, Pa.

SHOWERS OF BLESSING IN MOUNTAIN CHURCHES

y Rev. Ralph E. Ayers, Th.M., Ezezl, Kentucky

We feel very thankful for many hings in connection with the work t Frenchburg and Ezel. There was very good attendance at the church ervices during the summer months. his was especially true for the Ezel ongregation. Mrs. Ayres and I are ery thankful for a period of rest, elaxation, and spiritual uplift during wo weeks at the Winona Lake Bible onference in August. This is an xperience that we would have liked o share with all our friends. We ere glad too for a good visit in ur daughter's home near New Conord. The churches were well cared or in our absence by Mr. Gathman f the Frenchburg School faculty, ho preached four Sabbaths in ugust in both Frenchburg and Ezel.

We are thankful too that fine hristian teachers have been found or both schools. We are thankful ith the people of our communities or a good crop when it appeared as hough we would not have much as result of the long period of dry eather.

We are also thankful for the comng of Rev. H. Clifford Jeffers, the astor of the Twelfth Presbyterian hurch of Philadelphia, for two eeks of evangelistic metings. The irst from Friday, September 29th through Thursday, October 5th we had the meetings in Ezel and from October 6th, through the thirteenth the meetings were in Frenchburg. Each day Rev. Jeffers spoke in the chapel of the schools in the mornings as well as in the church in the evenings. Personal contacts were also made with the pupils in the schools. Rev. Jeffers' fine Christian spirit was very helpful in both places and we all were blessed through the meetings. There were twelve girls and boys in the Frenchburg School who made a profesison of their faith in Christ. Eight of these were received into the membership of the church last Sabbath at the Communion Service. The others were sick and will be received into the church soon.

It is very encouraging to see some of our fine Christian young people desiring to continue their education and fit themselves for further usefulness in the Kingdom. Two of our young people in the school and church at Ezel entered Sterling College this year and at least one more is planning to attend Sterling next year. In each case these young people are largely earning their own way.

We all have been saddened by the news of the death of Dr. Wm. S. Cook who was so much interested in the work at Ezel and Frenchburg. We are praying for strength and grace for Mrs. Cook in her sorrow. She is greatly loved by the people here.

VICTORY

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ray for the work in all Egypt for Egypt needs consecrated workers who will exalt Jesus as Saviour, yes, as Lord, so that the many who do not know Him may not go to Christless graves. but enjoy Life in Him even as we do. May God make all grace abound unto you, that ye may abound unto every good work.

A fellow-worker,

Zabia Hanna

(Sent in by Laura Wright)

Negro Missions

MRS. H. RAY SHEAR, 206 Inglewood Dr., Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

SHARING THE CORRESPONDENCE

Many of the readers of the Magazine met Mrs. H. L. Auhorn, delegate from Tennessee Presbyterial, at the 1944 convention. She has been connected with our work at Miller's Ferry for several years as music teacher and as secretary, in which capacities she was very efficient. She is now at Annemanie, Alabama, where her husband is a teacher in the Arlington School.

Mrs. Auhorn writes: "The convention will always remain a very bright spot in my memory. This particular convention was so full of spiritual help that all of us who attended should feel that we enjoyed a rare privilege. If all the Christian women throughout the world could have come together in such a gathering, I believe that our enemies would be defeated more quickly than with our present weapons of death. Also the question of oppression of minority groups would disappear."

"I am anxious now for our Tenessee presbyterial to meet that I might try to bring to our women some of the inspiration and encouragement that I received from the convention.

"As I came through Birmingham, I visited the printing shop of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wheaten. Both were educated in our mission school and graduated from Miller's Ferry. They have a large business, even more than they can handle. The daughter and son and three others are helpers. Their three children were graduated from Miller's Ferry. One daughter was graduated from Knoxville College, the other died while a Junior there. The family attends the Presbyterian Church in Birmingham."

We are glad to announce that Mrs. Loretta Williams Jones, daughter of Principal N. D. Williams, is filling the place made vacant by Mrs. horn's going to Annemanie. Williams' daughter, Faustina, turned to the faculty at Miller's ry and resumed her work as tea and librarian. She had inte to do some graduate study this y but the need for a trained libra caused her to change her plans. are very happy about this too; the school would lose its accredi rating if it did not have a trai librarian.

Camden Academy welcomes b to its corps of workers Mrs. S. Marsh, who had been away from work a little over a year. She is mother of Rev. Clinton Marsh was in the graduating class of Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Se nary this year, and who is now cated at Chase City as pastor of congregation there. Mrs. Marsh another son, Henry, in the ar forces. He has seen service in It where he went through the campa at Anzio Beachhead. Mrs. Mar daughter is married. All the Ma children attended Camden Acade and Knoxville College. We exp that they too will someday be se ing their children back, as many o ers do, for the Christian traini which is given in all our missi schools.

Prof. A. C. Peoples writes: "O enrollment to date is 495. As y note, we have a decided increase o last year.

"By the way, the chapel is n large enough to hold all the pupi seated. At least fifteen have to sta for devotions each day.

"There are fifty-one girls a twenty-seven boys in the boardi department. That means that M Bridges feeds ninety, three ti daily, including the ten female a two male teachers.

"We were host to the Presbytery nd Presbyterial the last week in ctober. We had very impressive eetings, and our guests expressed emselves as having enjoyed their ay here thoroughly.

"We sent delegates to the Sabbath hool and Y.P.C.U. Convention at nnemanie, last week. Our delegates port an interesting Convention. We on first place in the Bible Reading ntest and third in the Oratorical ntest. The Convention will meet ith us next year.

"We are celebrating Armistice ay tomorrow and Book Week one or o days next week."

Arlington Institute has a new prinpal this year, though he is not new the work. Mr. Walter R. Sutton s been a member of the faculty ere and so will carry on as an old nd in a new job.

Rev. R. P. Williams, who has for any years been both principal and stor, has retired from the principlship but will continue his work as stor of both Arlington and Prairie ongregations. Mrs. R. P. Williams ntinues her work as a member of e teaching force at Arlington. Note: Arlington Institute is the me of the school; Arlington is the me of the freight and express staon; Annemanie is the name of the ost Office.)

Prairie is glad to count among its orkers this year Mr. D. C. McCall, former teacher who has been abnt the past two years. He is the usband of Jeanette Steele McCall, very valuable member of the faulty. Her extra talents are of great alue to the religious program of rairie Mission, and she is an untiring worker both for the school and the church.

After a year's absence from Thyne Institute, Chase City, Va., Mrs. Parham resumes her work as teacher of Home Economics. This department is the responsibility of the W.G.M.S. It has done a splendid piece of work in the past. A shortage of sewing machines just now is handicapping the work. If some one has a good machine, not being used, would you please communicate with the Negro secretary, Mrs. H. Ray Shear.

Dr. Frank Wilson, pastor and principal at Thyne Institute for many years has retired. His long, faithful and efficient service rendered there should be recognized throughout the denomination. Too often we forget to express our appreciation for such work. Yes, faithful home missionaries! What does that mean to you, the readers of this magazine and members of the United Presbyterian Church?

Miss Harriet M. Esdon has found it necessary to quit the work at Thyne because she is needed at home in Garrison, Kansas. She, too, has given many years to this work and will be greatly missed.

We are asked to make our articles brief because of the shortage of paper; so other news items will wait for the next issue. There are several stories of societies and individuals who are supporting the Negro work this year that will be of interest to all. In the meantime DON'T FAIL TO REMEMBER OUR NEGRO SCHOOLS AT THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

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haring in wartime salaries. However, those who have profited should e happy to help out those not so fornate by giving an increased mount. In this way it may be possible to have every presbyterial one hundred per cent in its support of the Young Women's Special Fund. If this should happen, the goal of $8,000 will be reached.

Indian Missions

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DECEMBER 1944 SNOW OR COLD MOON 1944 GREAT SUN

A SIOUX PRAYER

Grandfather, Great Spirit, you have been always, and before you nothing has been. There is no one to pray to but you. The star nations all over the heavens are yours, and yours are the grasses of the earth. You are older than all need, older than all pain and prayer.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, all over the world the faces of living ones are alike. With tenderness have they come up out of the ground. Look upon your children, with children in their arms, that they may face the winds and walk the good road to the day of quiet.

Grandfather, Great Spirit, fill us with the light. Give us the strength to understand and the eyes to see. Teach us to walk and the soft earth as relatives to all that live.

Help us, for without you we are nothing.

From "Indians At Work"

WHAT KIND OF BOOK—

At a recent missionary meeting in Allegheny Presbyterial, a guest spoke of visiting in the Hospital in her home city, Davenport, Iowa. She was speaking to the children in t hospital as they were looking at p tures in the story books they h One little girl did not seem to h as many story books nor did she c for the kind the others had. T visitor asked her if she would li a book and what kind she would li Her little face brightened and s said, "Oh, any book that has Je in it."

This little girl was Melba, one the daughters of Hazel Young Be Whitebreast. Pearl Bear had ta care of Melba and Colleen Whi breast and taught them when th were sent to the Boone Bible Sch after their mother's death. Yea ago Hazel and Clara Young Be were in our United Presbyteri Orphans' Home. When Hazel re ized that her own two little girls we going to be left without a moth her dying request was that th might be taken to our Home whe she had received Christian trainin and kindness. You can see th Pearl was giving that same teac ing, for Colleen and Melba Whit breast were loving Jesus, and th was why little Melba wanted boo with Jesus in them.

LETTER FROM MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

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one room heated. Fuel is short and difficult to get so we hear but we have always had plenty of everything. We do try to limit ourselves to what the people of this country have. I didn't need the Magazine to make me feel at home here—we all feel so very much at home here—but it was good to see its place here and to read the May number. I am now on the lookout for the June number.

When we arrived in Australia it looked as though our stay would be of a week or ten days' duration and I had hoped to be in India by Sialk Convention time at last.

Our days are filled to the "brim here. There is hardly a da passes that I don't have the op portunity of speaking to a grou somewhere in the city—a group o women in the afternoon—children o young folks in the evening. It is joyful service.

Sincerely yours,

Evva Hartig

Foreign Missions

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MISSIONARIES' BIRTHDAYS
JANUARY

Miss Mary Frances Lincoln, R. N.----- January 5
MMiss Helen C. Sharp, M. D.--January 10
Miss Margaret Murdoch--------January 11
Miss Ruth A. Warnock -------January 14
Miss Ida Whiteside ----------January 16
Miss Georga Wengert ---------January 22
Miss Minnehaha Finney -------January 24
MMiss Lillian McConnell -----January 28
Miss Addaline Brandon --------January 28
Miss Frances Turk, R. N.------January 28
Mrs. Mary K. Coventry--------January 30
Miss Evva P. Hartig, R. N.-----January 31

THE SUDAN

The "Nasir Nuz 'n Notes" for August has been received. The first item reads: "Nasir station is receiving congratulations from many friends these days and we feel that we are certainly most fortunate that new workers are joining our ranks. Dr. Mary Smith has arrived and been heartily welcomed by all. She brought the welcome news that Dr. and Mrs. Paul Smith are expected to arrive in Juba this week; also the Reverend Mac Roy is on the way from Egypt. Two young workers and two pioneer workers back in one month! Is it any wonder we are thrilled?"

Social life at Nasir has picked up wonderfully as each home entertained the new doctor, and her first birthday in missionary service there was celebrated with a shower of gifts. "How good it seemed to have five whites (Dr. Mary Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Adair, Blanche Soule and Ray Huffman) around the same table." Even the official who rations the sugar felt the spirit of festivity that prevailed there and sent word that they could have an additional supply of sugar. "How splendid to have a birthday cake without using molasses!"

Nasir had night prowlers two successive nights recently. Two lions got a cow from a merchant barn next to the mission compound one night and the next night about 8:00 P.M. we heard shouts and beating of tins as the different villagers tried to frighten the lions away from their barns. They decided to go to a village about a mile away and again had a feast on beef. Walking around after dark is not one of the popular sports of our city right now."

They have killed two snakes in the new house and find that the hoe still answers its purpose.

Four new cases of relapsing fever were being treated in the clinic. This fever has taken a heavy toll in the Nasir area the past year and all will be thankful when it is stamped out.

"After his recent visit here, the Governor-General sent our station a gift of L.E.10 (about $50.00).

Miss Huffman adds:

"The subscription price for the 'Nasir Nuz 'n Notes' is one prayer a month that the Nuer may be brought to know Christ; one prayer a month that new workers may be found to enter these unoccupied fields, and that those still detained at home, as well as new ones, may find transportation quickly and safely. Please pay your subscription promptly."

A letter written August first from the banks of the Sobat, Doleib Hill, The Sudan, by Dr. Mary Smith gives a delightful account of her experiences on the long journey from America through the heart of Africa with its many modes of travel, its beautiful scenery, wild animals and unusual birds, and interesting people. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Fleming of Doleib Hill met her at Malakal and she was privileged to visit in their home while waiting for a boat to take her to Nasir.

Miss Aulora McIntyre, whose furlough has been due for some time, left her station early in August and

wrote from the Girls' College in Cairo, Egypt, that she was waiting there for transportation to America. We are sharing her letter with our readers. "Miss McKnight had arrived and was with me six days in Wad Medani before I left. I'm thankful to leave the work in good hands. It was somewhat of a tug to leave, though, at the time; I was so rushed I hardly had time to think. We had been having heavy rains and it had been difficult to get out to our work, but it is always cooler when the rains are on and the garden was looking lovely. I've had so much joy in planting it these past four years since I've been in the new home. It has been such a happy seven years that I've spent in Wad Medani. There has been so much of interest to do—in building the home, keeping in close touch with pupils and teachers, many church activities, missionary society, Spiritual Life Conference, etc. Then my relations with the British community have been very pleasant and they have been most kind to me. I have also enjoyed the friendship of many of the Moslems. Those in Government positions have always helped me in whatever I asked. I felt a pang at leaving my teachers and servant who have been so faithful."

EGYPT

The Martha McKown Hospital in Tanta has been having many difficulties to meet during the past months and it seemed at one time that this hospital must be closed. Dr. and Mrs. Moore have had many years of service there. They have been most faithful and have done a very splendid piece of work with practically no rest time for several years past when the Doctor was the only American physician there. He has reached the time of retirement and under the difficult conditions because very tired. It is not surprising that h became the victim of typhoid fev some weeks ago. We trust that h is having the needed care and ma have as rapid a convalescence as po sible. We are happy to say that th Mission has appointed a committe to take over the management of th Hospital until one of our doctors fro America can get out to Egypt.

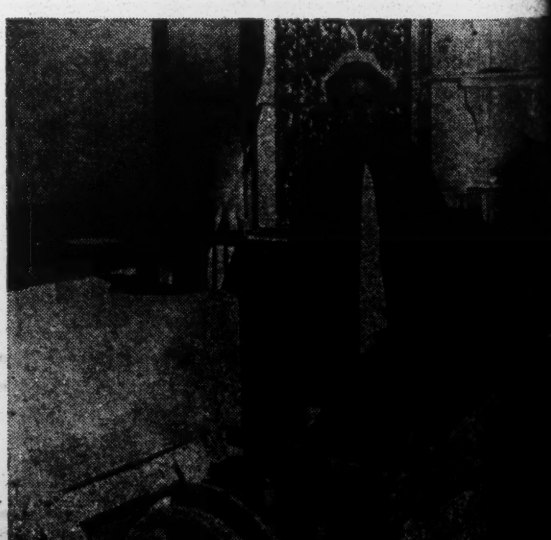
Cut—Tanta Hospital

Miss Elizabeth McKibben, R.N. has been a great help in the work o Tanta Hospital but her burden ha likewise been exceptionally heavy fo some months as she has had n American nurses to help her.

In view of the fact that Miss Helen Brownlee, R.N., of Assiut Hospital is also sorely in need of assistance we are indeed glad to report that two new nurses—Miss Ethel McMahan and Miss Lucile Nichols—have been appointed for Egypt and another young lady is considering returning to that field as a short term nurse within a few months.

In her letter of August 21 Miss Anna B. Criswell of Pressly Memorial Institute, Assiut, writes: "The P.M.I. is a place of rejoicing these days as both Miss Dora Mason and Miss Mary L. Thompson have arrived safe from America. We have looked for them so long and thank God that they are both here in time to prepare for the opening of school for another year."

Miss McKibben, R.N.



The following missionaries have recently arrived home from their stations abroad: The Misses Mary and Una Cole of Omdurman and Khartoum North, and Aulora R. McIntrye of Wad Medani, The Sudan, and Mrs. Constance Harper McMillan of Benha, Egypt.

e arrivals mean release of Miss well for furlough after nine s' service and she was hoping to passage early in October.

e are glad to quote a part of Mary Thompson's letter of Au- 30. "I enjoyed the trip very h. One of the remarkable things t the long journey was the ab- e of fear, during the days on the n especially. The experience eling through the Congo was an cation in missionary work and help to make our prayers for k in other lands more definite. I myself fortunate in being able to from Stanleyville to Khartoum thus shorten my trip consider- . Miss Mason arrived in Assiut two weeks before I did, having n on the way for 105 days, while trip lasted only 68 days. School s not open for another month so m having a splendid opportunity get caught up on affairs here. ny changes have taken place in four years that I have been away. e way that the war has changed here and has hastened the ac- tance of different customs is wn by the fact that our Egyptian s are being employed widely now offices. One mother who called the er day said that now no girl wants stay at home and so her education to be planned to fit her for em- yment. This woman's daughter is ering the medical school in Cairo s fall after having completed the rse here in the P.M.I."

Our sympathy goes out to Miss rtha Glass whose mother died in home in Monmouth, Illinois, sev- l weeks ago. Miss Glass had the vilege of caring for her mother, ving been on furlough for the past years.

The schools have had many prob- s during the past year due to the h cost of living and the Govern- nt's plans and restrictions but re have also been encouragements the work. Miss Carol McMillan of ni Suef, writing on August 7, says: "The thing which gave me most joy during this school year was a time of spiritual blessing. The Reverend Barnabas Noas held meetings for ten days at the end of March and again in May. I think practically everyone in the school received definite spiritual blessing. His messages were simple, but dealt plainly with sin and salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. I wondered how well the younger children would grasp what he said. It was made very clear when he asked to come to the office any who would like him to pray with them or to talk with him about spiritual things. Practically all of the children with the exception of the youngest asked to go and their numbers were so great that he had to take them in groups. The very first girl to go was the one who has given most trouble in the school. She was definitely saved and became a changed girl. The testimony of the members of her family was the same. From being a constant trouble maker and a distress to every member, she became the help and joy of the family. I felt we must make some definite plan to conserve the impression made upon the hearts of the children and in talking it over with the teachers we agreed to hold a short meeting on Wednesdays at the close of school to pray with the children and encourage them in living for Christ—to make it a sort of testimony-prayermeeting. When I announced the first meeting and the purpose of it, I said it was for those who had definitely given their hearts and lives to Christ. We had no idea how many would come and to our surprise and joy practically all the children except those of the first kindergarten class and one of the two second year kindergarten classes came. They were so eager to tell of their successes and failures too, in trying to live for Christ and so many of them wanted to pray that there wasn't time for all to do so. These meetings were carried on through to the end of the year. We will either

continue them when school resumes or plan something which we think will serve the purpose better. There was a new spirit in the school as the results of this spiritual quickening. Not in all the years of my missionary life have I experienced such general blessing and my heart has overflowed with gratitude to God for His gracious visitation through the ministry of the Holy Spirit."

INDIA

The Sialkot Mission has been honored in that another of its missionaries has been awarded the silver Kaisar-i-Hind Medal for outstanding service, by King George. Miss Elizabeth McConnell, R.N., who has had charge of the Good Samaritan Hospital in Jhelum and has been the only American in that station for some time, was the worthy recipient of this honor. A number of our missionaries have received the silver or gold medal in years past; among them are Miss Emma Dean Anderson, Miss Mary J. Campbell, Dr. Jessie P. Simpson, Miss Rose McCullough and Dr. Reba C. Hunsberger, all of whom were most worthy of such recognition.

Miss Anderson was recently honored by her home church and community at a farewell reception as she was leaving to go to California for the winter. Miss Kate A. Hill also plans to visit California and has been appointed Field Secretary by the Board. This gives opportunity for all our churches on the coast to have a message concerning our whole missionary work from one who has seen it both at home and abroad.

Another party of missionarie America October 18 for Lisbon Misses Louise Scott, Vivian Tri Margaret Fehlman and Georga gert for India; Misses Esther W and Alice Anderson (a short teacher) for Egypt. Several o had hoped to go but did not r their visas. We trust it may n too long before they reach their f of service.

This is the last message on t pages allotted to Foreign Missio one who has for more than t years written of the work carri in our four fields abroad. Here another younger and stronger m ber of the Board will report for Department. It has been a great to be associated with this work the workers, to be a member of Board, and to meet outstanding w en of our Church during many ye These happy associations will greatly missed but the interest still continue and prayer will stantly be made that the women our Church may be richly blesse the great work they have carried so faithfully.

Mrs. A. J. Randles has been elec Foreign Secretary. In 1937 M Randles, in company with Mrs. H byer, visited all our fields abroad cept Ethiopia which was then un Italian rule and thus has a kno edge of conditions and the scope the work that wil be very helpful she carries on. Mrs. Randles kn the work and the missionaries in intimate way and we hope she m be happy and greatly blessed in t new service.

Temperance and Reform Department

Mrs. Charles Bradley Warren, Secretary

ccording to conservative esti-
es, an average of at least one in
nty drinkers is likely to become
excessive user of liquor and an
holic—representing a total of at
t 600,000 excessive drinkers or
holics in the United States at the
ent time. "Alcoholics Anony-
s" are doing remarkably success-
work in reaching and rehabilita-
these people. The story of New
k City's Alcoholic Therapy Bu-
is told in "Maybe I Can Do It
" in the October Issue of *The
der's Digest.*

What are we doing for the forty
ion youths of this nation to pre-
t their becoming alcoholics? Ade-
te education, guidance, and ex-
ple might bring us very close to
solution of the whole alcohol prob-
. A revised edition of *A Syllabus
Alcohol Education* by Bertha
chel Palmer will be sent, upon re-
st, to any one willing to do a
ious job of youth training.

The leaflet *How to be a Social Suc-
s* should appeal to girls and young
men. *Why Abstain* presents at-
ctively and positively the case for
al abstinence. In ordering these
other leaflets, all of which are free except for postage, please state the number of copies desired.

CONSUMER EXPENDITURES FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

(Compiled by Ameican Businessmen's Research Foundation from Dept. of Commerce Survey, March 2, 1944)

Year	Total Expenditures (Millions of Dollars)	Per Capita Expenditures
1934	2,003	$15.8
1935	2,553	20.1
1936	3,164	24.7
1937	3,442	26.7
1938	3,237	24.9
1939	3,425	26.2
1940	3,595	27.2
1941	4,192	31.5
1942	5,187	38.8
1943	6,083	45.8

General outlines of the new "League of Nations" as proposed at the Dumbarton Oaks Conference are graphically portrayed in the October 23 issues of *Life.*

Did you read "Horse Racing—a Wartime Scandal" in the *Reader's Digest* for October?

"Alcohol doesn't 'pick you up'; it 'let's you down.'"

THE GREAT DELUSION

American Thirst or World Hunger

In August the United States Government, against nationwide pro-
ests of thoughtful citizens and church groups, removed the ban against
he production of beverage alcohol and permitted the liquor industry for
me month to make 50,000,000 gallons of whiskey. It was shameful
or the government that authorized it, and shameful for the distillers
who profited by it.

Throughout Europe there is vast hunger. Millions are starving in
China and in an India famine whose magnitude the British censor does
ot permit to be made known.

When did the whiskey traffic ever manifest concern over human
unger?

Figure it out yourself—ten gallons of whiskey for each of 5,000,000
hirsty Americans or three months' food for each of 5,000,000 hungry
Europeans or Asiatics. To the shame of the government and the liquor
raffic, American whiskey thirst was given priority over Europe and Asia
unger.

Missions

Junior Department

Mrs. CHARLES WRIGHT FULTON, Secretary, 455 Forest Avenue, Bellevue, Pittsburgh 2, Pa.

GIFTS FOR THE KING

The shining star, the heavenly hosts, the marvelous message, the awe-struck shepherds, and then—the Child. That was nineteen hundred years ago; yet His influence continues to increase. Now the glow of the Christmas season is again warming our hearts. This was the Child who, when He was grown, took little children in His arms and blessed them. He does not walk the earth today, except as His followers invite Him to walk with them. And today children over all the earth are hungering and thirsting for the comfort and the love which only the Christ, through His followers, can give.

The Christ has said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me." How can we best accomplish this for Him? Our hands, our feet, our eyes, our ears, our voices, our minds, our hearts—shall these be used in bringing the children of the world to Christ? How shall we reach and teach the children of our own Church, the children in many parts of these United States, the children of the Punjab, of Egypt, of The Sudan, of Ethiopia—all these our own particular responsibility? To train our Juniors to love the Christ and to enlist them in the joyful work of spreading His Gospel story to a world of sin, this should be the immediate task of every woman and every young woman of our Women's General Missionary Society. The Church of tomorrow and the world of tomorrow lie ahead. Will they be better than what we are experiencing today? It lies within our power to better them principally through our efforts in behalf of the children of today.

The Christ has asked for the children. Soon we celebrate the anniversary of His birth. Shall we bring to Him this gift He has asked for? Shall we take the children with us when we go into His courts? Shall we see to it that they are trained, as was the Christ, to search the Scriptures and to worship in God's Holy Temple, that they may be prepared to meet a sin-sick world with the glorious Gospel of the Prince of Peace?

Mrs. Paul M. Haas has been forced by illness to relinquish her work among our Juniors. We do not understand why one so eager and so well-equipped to serve should be called upon to lay down her pen, even temporarily; but it is not for us to question the wise providences of God. Her prayers follow us, and our prayers rise daily for her. Let us also mingle our prayers with hers for the work among our Juniors, a work which is very close to the hearts of us all.

Book Review

PRAYING HYDE

By Basil Miller
Zondervan Press, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Price $1.25

This is a new biography of John Hyde. The story begins with an ordinary man who felt called to missionary service. Through many experiences his life was transformed and he became a man of great power. John Hyde gave hours to prayer, whole nights to prayer, inspiring many of his fellow laborers to join him. He was one of the original group who started the Sialkot Convention which has proved to be a power house in India. Though his years of service in India were only twenty, his influence lives on among the people who remember him as "Praying Hyde."

THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

Sermons for Special Occasions
By Andrew W. Blackwood
Westminster Press, Philadelphia, Pa.
Price $2.00

This is announced as the "Book of the Month" by the Pulpit Digest.

In these 25 sermons for special occasions a leader of devotions in a missionary society will find help. This book will make a valuable gift for your pastor.

Literature Department

MRS. CHARLES BRADLEY WARREN, 233 Ridge Avenue, Pittsburgh 2, Pa.

It becomes my pleasure to introduce to the readers of this page, and especially to the Literature Secretaries, Mrs. Charles Bradley Warren, whose name will be printed above in the December issue as secretary of this department.

Some of you have met Mrs. Warren at the New Concord Convention where she appeared as Secretary of Temperance and Reform, and were impressed by the charm of her youth and personality and by her very evident ability.

It is not without a twinge of regret that the former secretary breaks relationship with this department; yet it is with genuine satisfaction that she hands over to Mrs. Warren this important work, feeling certain that she will bring to it a freshness and an enlarged vision which it needs.

All checks and Money Orders for literature supplies should now be made out to *Mrs. Charles Bradley Warren, Lit. Sec.*

Prayer Cycle

The 1945 Prayer Cycle should be ready for distribution by the latter part of December. Orders received will be filed and mailed out in the order in which they are received. The price remains the same: 10c single copy, $1 a dozen, $7.50 per 100.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

February 16, 1945.

Theme: The Church Universal

We shall handle the program material as usual. To date we have not received the detailed list with prices but should have this for the next issue.

FOR JANUARY PROGRAMS

Leaflets at 3 cents each:

The People of India
Elizabeth Gordon
Kate Corbett
Nannie Spencer

Beginnings of Girls Boarding School Sialkot (leaflet free)

Adult Literacy in Punjab
Results of Literacy Work
When Death Comes in India
Boisterous Waves
Maulvi Khuda Bux
Zainab and Ruth

Refer also to your copy of *"In the Shadow of the Himalayas."* Cloth $1.00.

Mrs. A. J. Randles

TRAVELS OF THE BOOK

In every area the Bible in whole or in part is today moving into places where no missionary has entered. Conversely, it is building up the character of Christians where the itinerant evangelist has brought them the living Christ. The amazing resourceful industry and insight with which missionaries have translated that book into tongues previously unwritten—languages that had no word to distinguish, for instance, the love of God, from sensual lust or sacrifice or slaughter—offer us one of the world's unsung epics of self-giving. . . . To translate, publish, and distribute that Book in the tongues and in the homelands of all peoples is vital to our strategy. The postwar demand for the Bible in all these areas will be far greater than any ever experienced, if we are to judge from existing evidence.

Basil Mathews in *The Unfolding Drama in Southeast Asia.*

PRESENT ADDRESS OF MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY THE WOMEN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT

(c-o American Mission should be added to each foreign address)

INDIA

Miss Ruth I. Ardrey, 1921 — Sialkot City
Miss Margaret Ballantyne, 1941 — Sheikhupura
Miss Minnie E. Beatty, 1912 — Abbottabad
Miss Lois Boyd, 1918 — Sangla Hill
Miss N. Addaline Brandon, 1931 — Sargodha
Miss Theresa I. Brownlee, 1922 — Sialkot City
Miss Marie Cash, R.N., 1926 — Pasrur
Miss Evelyn Cathcart, 1925 — Rawalpind
Miss Marjorie Faught, R.N., 1933 — Taxila
Miss Betsy Fleming, 1913 — Sargodha
Miss Vida J. Graham, 1922 — Pathankot
Miss Evva P. Hartig, R.N., 1924 — Jhelum
Miss Eva M. Hewitt, 1930 — Campbellpur
Miss Alice G. Hill, 1938 — Sheikhupura
Miss Janette Howland, 1921 — Campbellpur
Miss Mary Kyle, 1904 — Pasrur
Miss Glendine Lundquist, R.N., 1932 — Sialkot
Miss Elizabeth F. McConnell, R.N., 1931 — Jhelum
Miss Evelyn M. McKelvey, R.N., 1938 — Sialkot City
Miss Margaret Murdoch, 1924 — Sargodha
Miss Ruth M. Nichol, 1933 — Pasrur
Miss Marian T. Peterson, 1930 — Rawalpindi
Miss Willa M. Ramsey, 1921 — Pathankot
Miss Laura Reynolds, 1924 — Sangla Hill
Miss Helen V. Weeds, 1928 — Zafarwal

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY (from INDIA)

Miss Helen Artman, 1920 — R. D. 2, Pulaski, Pa.
Miss Hazel Bennett, 1908 — 868 Park St., Socorro, New Mexico
Miss R. Jean Black, 1921 — Petrolia, Pa.
Miss Frances E. Brown, 1927, 1937 — 810 Glenview St., Philadelphia 11, Pa.
Miss Margaret J. Fehlman, 1913, — 616 Arlington Place, Chicago, Ill.
Miss Reba C. Hunsberger, M.D. — 5914 N. Pulaski, Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Sarah Jane Lamont, 1928 — 440 W. Cayuga St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Mary Frances Lincoln, R.N., 1920 — 1502 Penna. Ave, Wichita, Kans.
Miss Laura R. MacLachlan, 1938 — R. R. 1, Atkinson, Nebraska
Miss Louise Scott, 1916 — 102 New Castle St., New Wilmington, Pa.
Miss E. Marjorie McCrory, 1936 — McCrory Farms, R. D. 1, Homer City, Pa.
Miss Vivian Trimble, 1921 — Blanchard, Iowa
Miss Ruth A. Warnock, 1913, 1936 — 915 East 8th St., Wellington, Kans.
Miss Georga Wengert, 1920 — Lebo, Kansas
Miss Helen C. Sharp, M.D., 1944 — 411 N. Yale, Villa Park, Ill.

RETIRED (from INDIA)

Miss Emma Dean Anderson, 1881 — 231 Franklin St., Slippery Rock, Pa.
Miss Laurella G. Dickson, 1897 — Tarkio, Mo.
Miss Ella M. Gordon, 1893 — Pattersonville, N. Y.
Miss Kate A. Hill, 1896 — Eldora, Iowa
Miss Flora Jameson, 1903 — 82 Bonvue St., Pittsburgh 14, Pa.
Miss Mary E. Logan, 1891 — 325 W. 7th St., Rushville, Ind.
Miss Lillian A. McConnell, 1902 — 205 E. Broadway, Girard, Ohio
Miss Rose McCullough, 1879 — Penn & Trenton Aves., Pittsburgh 21, Pa.

HONORABLY RETIRED MISSIONARY

Miss Mary J. Campbell, 1884 — Box 423, Santa Ana, Calif.

RETIRED (from EGYPT)

Miss Rena L. Hogg, 1899 — c/o American Mission, Assiut, Egypt
Miss Ella M. Barnes, 1911 — 926 East 1st St., Monmouth, Ill.
Miss Minnehaha Finney, 1894 — 121 North 7th St., Sterling, Kans.
Miss E. Roxy Martin, 1901 — Fair Meadows, Limekiln Park, R.D., Chalfont, Pa.
Miss Laura B. Walker, 1904 — 1109 McClure Ave., Munhall, Pa.

EGYPT—c/o American Mission

Miss Margaret A. Bell, 1901 — Fayoum
Miss Helen R. Brownlee, R.N., 1934 — Assiut
Miss Leota Cabeen, 1909 — Alexandria
Mrs. Mary K. Coventry — Benha
Mrs. Ada A. Dunlap, 1926 — Fayoum
Miss Anna B. Criswell, 1905 — Assiut
Miss Lucia Dwight, 1919 — Beni Suef
Mrs. William Fennell, 1937 — Cairo
Miss Davida Finney, Litt.D., 1915 — Cairo
Miss Elsie M. French, 1909 — Cairo
Miss Alice Grimes, 1924 — Cairo
Mrs. G. G. Gutteridge, 1939 — Cairo
Mrs. A. F. Huish, 1939 — Cairo
Miss Lois D. Kingan, 1926 — Cairo
Miss Lucy Lightowler, 1921 — Cairo
Miss Dora B. Mason, 1918 — Assiut
Miss Jeannette McCrory, 1916 — Beni Suef
Miss Carol E. McMillan — Beni Suef
Miss Elizabeth McKibben, R.N., 1924 — Tanta
Miss Sarah B. Meloy, 1923 — Cairo
Miss Helen J. Noordewier, 1921 — Tanta
Miss Marion A. Paden, 1902 — Tanta
Miss Venna R. Patterson, 1924 — Cairo
Miss Frances Patton, 1922 — Mansura
Miss Stella Robertson, 1922 — Cairo
Miss Martha A. Roy, 1938 — Luxor
Mrs. Rachel T. Seiver, 1925 — Assiut
Miss Jane C. Smith, R.N., 1922 — Cairo
Miss Mary C. Thompson, 1939 — Tanta
Miss Mary L. Thompson, LL.D., 1917 — Assiut
Miss Helen M. Walker, 1930 — Assiut
Miss Ida B. Whiteside, 1913 — Luxor
Miss Ruth M. Williamson, 1924 — Tanta
Miss Elizabeth M. Wilson, 1932 — Fayoum
Miss Esther W. Wilson, 1919 — Luxor
Miss Margaret A. Work, 1924 — Cairo
Miss Ruth A. Work, 1904 — Assiut
Miss Laura B.Wright, 1921 — Tanta

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY (from EGYPT)

Miss Mary Frances Dawson, 1922 — 808 E. Third St., Ellensburg, Wash.
Miss Alta G. French, 1925 — Goldfield, Iowa
Miss Martha C. Glass, 1921 — 800 E. Second Ave., Monmouth, Ill.
Miss Eulalia D. Grether, 1929 — 435 East 11th St., Loveland, Colo.
Miss Alfaretta M. Hammond, 1904 — State Hospital, Warren, Pa.
Miss Helen J. Martin, Ped.D., 1915 — 904 Publication Bldg., Pittsburgh 22, Pa.
Miss Evelyn McFarland, 1919 — New Wilmington, Pa.
Mrs. John McMillan, 1937 — 116 S. Erie St., Mayville, N. Y.
Miss Edna B. Sherriff, 1920 — R. D., Norwalk, Iowa
Miss Nellie C. Smith, 1911 — 536 Superior St., Grove City, Pa.
Miss Marie Tait, 1925 — R. D. 5, Mercer, Pa.
Miss Ethel L. Weed, 1919 — c/o Miss Everett McCallister, Carmi, Ill.

THE SUDAN—c/o American Mission

Miss Elsie E. Grove, 1912 — Doleib Hill
Miss Ray Huffman, R.N., 1924 — Nasir
Miss Marguerite McClellan, 1926 — Khartoum North
Miss Mary Jane McKnight, 1922 — Wad Medani
Mrs. Alan Theobald, 1938 — Khartoum North
Miss E. Verna Pillow, 1930 — Khartoum North
Miss Mary K. Smith, M.D., 1944 — Nasir
Miss C. Blanche Soule, R.N., 1921 — Nasir
Miss Frances Turk, R.N., 1921 — Khartoum North

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY (from THE SUDAN)

Miss Mary E. Coie, 1919 — Braddyville, Iowa
Miss Una Coie, 1918 — Braddyville, Iowa
Miss Mary V. Ewing, R.N. — 1150 Corporation St., Beaver, Pa.
Miss Aulora R. McIntrye, R.N., 1911 — 4514 Oakland Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

ETHIOPIA—c/o American Mission

Miss Ruth C. Beatty, R.N., 1921 — Sayo
Misss Isabel Blair, 1922 — Sayo
Mrs. A. W. Pollock, R.N., 1942 — Gore
Mrs. Ruth Lobaugh Walker, 1923 — Addis Ababa

A Call For The New Year

"O earth, earth, earth,
Hear the word of the Lord";
For powerful and quick
Is the Spirit's sword.

O hear the word of God,
Descending like a dove,
The word that Christ His Son
Was sent to show His love.
Forget all hate and pride;
Forget all foolish fear;
Recall His love and care
And unto Him give ear.

O hear the words of Christ,
His words of promised peace,
That there shall come a time
When cruel war shall cease.
Pray, then, that all may see
A vision dazzling bright
Of Christ the Lord, and seek
To worship Him aright.

O hear the words of Christ
That over all the earth
The story should be told
Of His Gospel's matchless worth.
Then tell His Gospel news
To nations far and near
That everywhere mankind
May learn and gladly hear.

"O earth, earth, earth,
Hear the word of the Lord";
For powerful and quick
Is the Spirit's sword.

—Elsie Wehling Fulton.

The Messenger Who Cometh Late

An unknown writer saw the statue of General Charles Gordon in Khartoum, The Egyptian Sudan, which stands facing the desert as he is represented looking toward the north for the reinforcemnts which came too late. Thinking, no doubt of the tardiness of the Church of Christ in sending her messengers, he wrote the following:

The strings of camels come in single file,
Bearing their burdens o'er the desert sand:
Swiftly the boats go plying on the Nile.
The needs of men are met on every hand,
But still I wait
For the messenger of God *who cometh late.*

I see the clouds of dust rise in the plain,
The measured tread of troops falls on my ears;
The soldier comes the empire to maintain,
Bringing the pomp of war, the reign of fear,
But still I wait
For the messenger of God *who cometh late.*

They set me brooding o'er the desert drear,
Where broodeth darkness as the deepest night.
From many a mosque there comes the call to prayer;
I hear no voice that calls on Christ for light.
But still I wait
For the messenger of God *who cometh late.*